



## AP investigation: Drug prices going up despite Trump promise

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — President Donald Trump made reducing drug prices a key promise during his election campaign, repeatedly accusing drugmakers of "getting away with murder." At the end of May, he promised that drug companies would be announcing "massive" voluntary drug price cuts within two weeks.

That hasn't happened, and an Associated Press analysis of brand-name prescription drug prices shows it's been business as usual for drugmakers, with far more price hikes than cuts. The number of increases slowed somewhat and were not quite as steep as in past years, the AP found. Over the first seven months of the year, there were 96 price hikes for every price cut, the AP found.



In this Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018, photo Health & Human Services Secretary Alex Azar speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in New York.

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# CIA director outlines priorities for the agency

By **BRUCE SCHREINER**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)** — Recalling her rise through male-dominated ranks, CIA Director Gina Haspel said she wants to champion diversity at the spy agency as she returned to her alma mater Monday for a public event where she outlined her priorities for the agency and disclosed a few personal details of her life. Haspel delved into some of the United States' toughest challenges around the world during wide-ranging comments at the University of Louisville. The CIA's first female director also lifted the veil behind her life, listing some of her favorite Johnny Cash songs, her reading preferences when not poring through CIA briefings and her most memorable celebrity encounter. That would be Queen Elizabeth, and yes, the queen knew she was a CIA operative. "The queen is extremely well-briefed," Haspel told the audience. She flashed a sense of humor, noting a real-life undercover officer would be better suited in a "beige Hyundai" than a flashy sports car as portrayed in movies. And the native of Ashland, Kentucky, revealed her fondness for Kentucky bourbon as a gift to visiting foreign officials. "Among my greatest pleasures as director are my relationships with foreign counterparts who come to visit," Haspel said. "And I made it a tradition that when ... foreign heads of service visit Langley, Virginia, and sit with me in my office, I send them away with a bottle of very fine Kentucky bourbon. And we are moving through a number so far." While touting her Kentucky roots, Haspel grew up



CIA Director Gina Haspel addresses the audience as part of the McConnell Center Distinguished Speaker Series at the University of Louisville, Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, in Louisville, Ky.

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around the world as the daughter of an Air Force serviceman. She worked in Africa, Europe and classified locations around the globe and was tapped as deputy director of the CIA last year. She worked under former CIA director Mike Pompeo until President Donald Trump moved him to secretary of state. Haspel recalled moments that helped put her career on its trajectory — her first meeting with a foreign agent who passed along intelligence during a rendezvous in a "remote and desolate place," and the nights spent sleeping on the floor while station chief in a small "frontier post." The CIA was male-dominated then, she said, but she was lucky to have bosses willing to take a chance on her. Through the years, the CIA has "become a better place to work" for all its officers, but the agency still "has a way to go," Haspel

said. One of her priorities is to champion diversity in recruiting officers of all genders, races and cultures. "Our global mission at CIA demands that we recruit and retain America's best and brightest, regardless of gender, race or cultural background," she said. "And I want every officer to have equal opportunities to succeed." The Senate confirmed her in May to lead the spy agency. She told the Louisville audience that another top priority is to invest more heavily in collecting intelligence against nation state adversaries as well as Islamic extremists. "Our efforts against these difficult intelligence gaps have been overshadowed over the years by the intelligence community's justifiable heavy emphasis on counterterrorism in the wake of 9/11," she said. "Groups such as the so-called Islamic State and al-Qaida remain squarely

in our sights, but we are sharpening our focus on nation state adversaries." Haspel said she also is working to invest in foreign-language training to make sure CIA officers are attuned to the cultures where they work. Another one of her priorities is to increase the number of officers stationed overseas. She said the CIA also is working to beef up counter narcotics efforts abroad to address the nation's opioid crisis. During a question-and-answer session, she listed London and Istanbul as her favorite overseas cities and confessed to enjoying lighter reading fare during spare time. One of her most recent reads was "Hillbilly Elegy." She was asked about problem spots around the world. On North Korea, Haspel said she thinks Pyongyang views its nuclear weapons program as leverage and a key to the survival of its government.

"I don't think that they want to give it up easily," Haspel said shortly before Trump said that a second summit with North Korea's Kim Jong Un was likely to occur "quite soon." Haspel said, however, that she believes the U.S. is in a better place than during North Korea's unprecedented level of testing last year "because of the dialogue we've established between our two leaders." On China, Haspel said the CIA was monitoring Beijing's global ambitions, including its investments in Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands and South Asia. "They want to be dominant in the Asia-Pacific region, of course, and unfortunately they are working to diminish U.S. influence in order to advance their own goals in the region," she said. On Iran, she said the Iranian people are suffering from economic problems because their economy has been mismanaged. She said she has been surprised at the amount of money Iran is spending to prop up the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad and expand its influence in Iraq. Haspel's appearance was part of the McConnell Center's speaker series at UofL. The center is named for Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who on Monday said Haspel's "unrivaled expertise is helping secure America's position on the world stage." Haspel's appearance drew protests from a small group of students who chanted in the rain while huddled under umbrellas. They cited her past role supervising a covert detention site in Thailand where terror suspects were waterboarded, an interrogation technique that simulates drowning. □





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## DRUG PRICES

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Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, the administration's point person for efforts to lower drug prices, conceded in a recent AP interview that it will be a while before drug prices fall. He noted the complexity of the medicine market and its incentives for drugmakers to boost prices so they and middlemen make bigger profits.

"I am not counting on the altruism of pharma companies lowering their prices," said Azar, who was a senior executive in Eli Lilly & Co.'s U.S. business for a decade when it dramatically raised prices for its insulin products.

The AP analyzed 26,176 U.S. list price changes for brand-name prescription drugs from Jan. 1 through July 31 in the years 2015 through 2018, using data supplied by health information analytics firm Elsevier. The AP focused its analysis on the first seven months of each year because of the seasonality of price changes and to make meaningful year-to-year comparisons. The data included more than 97 percent of price changes during those periods and, for many drugs, several dosages and drug forms, such as pills, liquids and injectable drugs. (In the 3 percent of cases not analyzed, the AP couldn't determine how the new price compared with the previous one or whether it was for a product new on the market.)

Among the AP's findings:

—There were fewer price increases this year from January through July than in comparable prior-year periods, but companies still hiked prices far more often than they cut them. This year through the end of July, there were 4,412 brand-name drug price increases and 46 price cuts,

a ratio of 96-to-1.

—In June and July, right after Trump's price cut prediction, there were 395 price increases and 24 decreases. The two dozen cuts were up from the 15 decreases in those same two months last year, but increases still outpaced decreases by a ratio of 16.5-to-1.

—The median price increase, meaning half were higher and half lower, was 5.2 percent in June and July of 2018, down from 8 percent in that period in 2017.

—The median price cut this June and July was 11 percent, much smaller than in comparable periods in prior years.

The AP also asked 24 large drug companies this summer if they planned to cut drug prices. None said they did, though some didn't answer. Drugmakers typically say they need to keep raising prices of existing drugs to pay for costly, lengthy research to develop new medicines, though industry critics dispute that.

Dr. Peter Bach, who heads the Center for Health Policy and Outcomes at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, said the AP's analysis shows there's been no big move to decrease prices.

"We have a broken pricing system," he said.

In the U.S., drug pricing is far from transparent. Manufacturers typically set high list prices but then negotiate rebates and discounts with middlemen, such as prescription benefit managers, to get preferential insurance coverage for their products. Many consumers never see the list price, though rising drug prices generally put pressure on insurers to raise rates. Patients with high-deductible or no insurance often get stuck being charged the full list price.

Elsevier drug pricing expert Kay Morgan said the data indicate companies are being more cautious about price increases, but Trump's criticisms are just one factor.

"It's everyone saying, 'This has got to stop,'" Morgan said.

She cited frequent media coverage, patients and their advocacy groups pressuring members of Congress to fight high drug prices, and Congress holding hearings on huge price increases. Those include hikes for EpiPen emergency allergy shots and the actions of disgraced former pharma executive Martin Shkreli, who hiked the price of an old infection treatment from \$13.50 to \$750 per pill overnight.

"The rate of increases has slowed down, but prices haven't decreased," said Stephen Schondelmeyer, a University of Minnesota professor of pharmaceutical economics who runs its research program on drug prices and public policy. He noted such temporary pricing restraint occurs periodically, around elections and other times when the issue is hot, but then companies go back to raising drug prices.

Edward Jones drug analyst Ashtyn Evans said, "companies are self-policing more." She noted many firms are now taking one price hike near 10 percent once a year, instead of two or three smaller hikes each year.

"That started before Trump was even elected," she said.

Pfizer, the biggest U.S. drugmaker, angered Trump by raising prices on July 1 for 40 medicines and vaccines, totaling more than 100 products, with some increases hitting 9 percent. Pfizer had already hiked list prices in January for all but two of those medicines,



In this Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018, photo Health & Human Services Secretary Alex Azar speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in New York.

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most by 9 percent to 9.5 percent, according to Elsevier's data.

"Pfizer & others should be ashamed that they have raised drug prices for no reason. ... We will respond!" Trump tweeted. After a call with Trump, Pfizer executives reversed those price hikes until January at the

latest.

Seven other major drugmakers, perhaps hoping to avoid their own Twitter spanking by Trump, have since said they wouldn't increase prices for the rest of the year. All of them had already taken price hikes on many of their products in January. □

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# Rosenstein still has his job \_ at least till Trump showdown

By ZEKE MILLER and ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — After a long weekend spent wondering if he should resign or would be fired, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein still has his job — for now.

President Donald Trump gave Rosenstein a three-day reprieve pending their face-to-face White House showdown on Thursday. That's when the man who oversees the Trump-Russia investigation will respond to reports that he had discussed secretly recording the president and possibly using constitutional procedures to remove him from office.

The revelation that Rosenstein last year had broached the idea of tapping the president touched off a dramatic weekend of conversations with the White House in which he offered to one official to resign and confided to another that he was considering doing so, according to two people familiar with the discussions who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss private conversations.

Even as he took issue with the reports, Rosenstein arrived at the White House on Monday expecting to be fired, according to another person who spoke on condition of anonymity. Instead, after he met with chief of staff John Kelly and spoke by phone to Trump himself, questions about his future were effectively tabled until the personal meeting on Thursday.

The position of deputy attorney general is ordinarily a relatively low-visibility one in Washington, but Rosenstein has assumed outsized significance given his appointment of special counsel Robert Mueller to investigate potential ties between Russia and Trump's 2016 presidential campaign.

Any firing or resignation spells immediate uncertainty for an investigation that Rosenstein oversees and would place that responsibility in the hands



In this July 13, 2018 file photo, Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein speaks during a news conference at the Department of Justice in Washington.

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of a replacement who Democrats fear would be less respectful of Mueller's independence and mandate. Even some congressional Republicans and Trump aides have warned for months against firing Rosenstein for fear that it could lead to impeachment.

The commotion about Rosenstein's future adds to the turmoil roiling the administration, just six weeks before midterm elections with control of Congress at stake. In addition to dealing with the Mueller investigation, the White House is also struggling to win confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh in the wake of sexual misconduct allegations.

The Trump-Rosenstein meeting will be on the same day as an extraordinary Senate committee hearing featuring Kavanaugh and a woman who has accused him of sexually assaulting her when they were in high school.

Questions about Rosenstein's future, long simmering, took on new life Friday with a New York Times report that in May 2017 discussions with FBI and Justice Department officials he suggested the idea of secretly recording Trump — remarks his defenders insist were merely sarcastic — and of invoking the Con-

stitution to have the Cabinet consider removing him from office.

Rosenstein was summoned to the White House on Friday evening for a conversation with chief of staff Kelly after which he issued a denial meant to be even sharper in tone than the one the Justice Department sent out hours earlier. In conversations over the weekend, he offered to Kelly to resign, though the terms were unclear. He also told White House Counsel Don McGahn that he was considering doing so. McGahn told Rosenstein they should discuss the issue Monday, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the private conversation.

He met again with Kelly on Monday and spoke by phone with Trump, also attending a pre-scheduled meeting at the White House in place of the Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who was traveling. Rosenstein was captured by photographers leaving the White House after his meetings Monday and was led out by Kelly, later returning to the White House.

"At the request of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, he and President Trump had an extended conversation to discuss the recent news stories," White House spokeswoman

Sarah Huckabee Sanders said in a statement. "Because the President is at the United Nations General Assembly and has a full schedule with leaders from around the world, they will meet on Thursday when the President returns to Washington, D.C."

It's unclear what will happen Thursday.

Despite his "You're Fired!" tagline from his "The Apprentice" reality show days, the president has shown himself reluctant to directly fire aides himself. While his White House has been marked with unprecedented staff turnover, Trump has often left the task to deputies, including Kelly.

He dispatched his former bodyguard to fire FBI Director James Comey — though Comey was out of town. In other cases, Trump has publicly and privately shamed staffers, pushing them to resign.

Trump, who on Friday said that he would remove a "lingering stench" from the Justice Department, did not publicly reveal any plans over the weekend.

On Monday, he said he hoped Thursday's meeting would help him figure out "what's going on."

Over the weekend, he appeared undecided on Rosenstein's fate, asking confidants, both inside and outside the White House,

how to respond to the situation. Some urged him to fire Rosenstein. Others suggested restraint while checking whether the report was correct or if it was planted by some adversary.

Though Trump has mostly spared Rosenstein from some of the harsher and more personal attacks he has directed at Attorney General Jeff Sessions, he has occasionally lashed out with angry tirades at the deputy, including after FBI raids in April targeting the president's former personal lawyer, Michael Cohen.

Rosenstein appointed Mueller in May 2017 after Sessions, who ordinarily would have overseen the Russia investigation, recused himself because of his close involvement in the Trump campaign.

The move came one week after Rosenstein laid the groundwork for Comey's firing by writing a memo criticizing Comey's handling of the FBI investigation into Hillary Clinton's email server. The White House initially cited that memo as justification for Comey's firing, though Trump himself has said he was thinking about "this Russia thing" when he made his move.

Were Rosenstein to be forced out, Solicitor General Noel Francisco, the highest-ranking Senate-confirmed official below him in the Justice Department, would take control of the Mueller investigation. Former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, whose private memos document comments allegedly made by Rosenstein, said Monday he was concerned that a Rosenstein departure would put the investigation at risk.

"There is nothing more important to the integrity of law enforcement and the rule of law than protecting the investigation of special counsel Mueller," McCabe said in a statement. "I sacrificed personally and professionally to help put the investigation on a proper course and subsequently made every effort to protect it." □





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# With hose and sprinkler, Wyoming man defies fire evacuation

By MEAD GRUVER

Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A

man who saw an immense wildfire raging his way said he was prepared for the worst — and glad he defied evacuation orders so he could defend his home with just a sprinkler and garden hose.

Bill Winney doubts his log home with a metal roof would have survived had he not aggressively watered the area around it for several days and then stood his ground as flames tore through the surrounding sagebrush Sunday.

"It was pretty nasty, and then once it blew by, it was, 'OK, let's walk around and make sure everything's OK,'" Winney told The Associated Press by phone Monday.

Most firefighters would say Winney's decision is a good example of what not to do when a wildfire is approaching. Better to get out rather than risk your life in an attempt to protect property, fire information officer Susan Garner said.

"We're hoping people will evacuate when they're told to do so, just for safety's sake," Garner said.

As of Monday, authorities had evacuated about 300 homes in the Bondurant area. At least three homes and possibly several more had burned even before winds caused the fire to flare again Monday afternoon.

Firefighters expected the fire to keep growing after charring an estimated 75 square miles (194 square kilometers) of mountainous



In this Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, photo provided by Bill Winney, flames approach his home near Bondurant, Wyo.

pine forest and sagebrush meadows.

Residents of Hoback Ranches, Winney's subdivision of widely spaced mountain retreats, were supposed to leave Sept. 18. A retired nuclear submarine commander, Winney stayed put figuring he stood a decent chance because his home wasn't surrounded by pine trees

but sagebrush and stands of aspen, which he doubted would burn readily.

Years ago, Winney said, he cleared away the sagebrush closest to his home to create a space he could defend against a wildfire. As the fire got ever closer over several days, he used his sprinkler to water that area nonstop.

He ran his well dry several

times, but he knew the well would recharge within an hour or two. He kept his GMC Suburban SUV loaded with belongings in case he had to make a run for it. Winney never did, though by Sunday he knew he was in for a fiery confrontation. "I was looking at the forecast winds and I said, 'You know, this guy's coming my way,'" he said.

With the flames bearing down Sunday afternoon, Winney said he stood outside with his garden hose to put out any embers that fell on his home. None did, he said.

"It went by within about 10 minutes. It was pretty intense," Winney said. "But the other side of it is I had all that stuff wet and clear." The smoke made him cough, and his house smelled like smoke, he said, but that was the worst problem he had. He had no electricity but several days' worth of fuel for his generator and more than enough food to see him through, he said.

Winney planned to remain at home, figuring he wouldn't be allowed to return if he left. Some other homes within sight of his in the large-acreage development had burned, he said.

Winney's wife, Louise, wasn't around but working a part-time job at Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park.

Though their house didn't burn, she didn't approve.

"She was not really impressed. But she knows. She knows what kind of person I am," Winney said. □

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# California urges Trump to drop plan for weaker fuel standard

By SUDHIN THANAWALA

Associated Press

**FRESNO, Calif. (AP)** — California officials demanded Monday that the Trump administration back off a plan to weaken national fuel economy standards aimed at reducing car emissions and saving people money at the pump, saying the proposed rollback would damage people's health and exacerbate climate change.

Looming over the administration's proposal is the possibility that the state, which has become a key leader on climate change as Trump has moved to dismantle Obama-era environmental rules, could set its own separate fuel standard that could roil the auto industry. That's a change the federal government is trying to block.

"California will take whatever actions are needed to protect our people and follow the law," Mary Nichols, chairwoman of the California Air Resources Board, testified at a hearing with federal officials in a region of central California that has some of the nation's



Benjamin Tuggy holds a sign while listening to speakers during the first of three public hearings on the Trump administration's proposal to roll back car-mileage standards in a region with some of the nation's worst air pollution Monday, Sept. 24, 2018 in Fresno, Calif.

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worst air pollution.

State Attorney General Xavier Becerra said California could not afford to retreat in the fight against climate change, citing wildfires and high asthma rates among children in the state's San Joaquin Valley,

where residents, environmentalists and state officials testified at the first of three nationwide hearings on the mileage plan.

"Stopping us from protecting our people, our jobs and economy or our planet is like trying to stop a

mother from protecting her child," he said.

The proposal announced in August by President Donald Trump's administration would freeze U.S. mileage standards at levels mandated by former President Barack Obama for 2020. The standards regulate how far vehicles must travel on a gallon of fuel.

Under the deal finalized under Obama, the standard would rise to 36 miles per gallon (15 kilometers per liter) by 2025, 10 miles per gallon (4 kilometers per liter) higher than the current requirement.

Trump administration officials say waiving the tougher fuel efficiency requirements would make vehicles more affordable, which would get safer cars into consumers' hands more quickly. A major auto industry trade group says it supports annual increases in fuel efficiency but won't say by how much.

Customers aren't buying more efficient vehicles, Steve Douglas, senior director of energy and environment for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, said in testimony prepared for the hearing. The group represents General Motors, Ford, Fiat Chrysler, Volkswagen, BMW and other auto-

makers.

"No one wins if our customers are not buying the new highly efficient products offered in our showrooms," the written testimony said. "The standards must account for consumer willingness and ability to pay for newer technologies in order for all the benefits of new vehicles to be realized."

Automakers are unanimous in favoring one standard for the whole country so they don't have to design two vehicles, one for California and the states that follow its requirements and another for the rest of the nation.

Scores of people opposed to the Trump plan testified before representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, including local residents who said it would worsen their asthma. More than 130 people, including doctors and electric vehicle advocates, had signed up to speak before the hearing ended.

It was held in California's San Joaquin Valley, the country's most productive agricultural region but an area plagued by sooty air in part because of its bowl-shaped geography. The Sierra Nevada and two other mountain ranges wall in the 250-mile (400-kilometer) valley. Air pollution there is blamed for hundreds of deaths each year.

"We are asking the EPA to represent those of us who have asthma and respiratory disease," said Janet DietzKamei, 73, a member of the Central Valley Clean Air Coalition.

DietzKamei said she is unable to leave her Fresno home on some days because the air is so polluted. Environmentalists protested outside, hoisting signs reading, "Clean cars = Clean air" and chanting, "Clean cars now."

Paul Gipe, 67, and his wife, Nancy Nies, 69, drove from the city of Bakersfield to join the demonstration.

"It's a step backward, and it's a statement that air pollution is acceptable. □



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## Dallas police officer accused in neighbor's death fired

By RYAN TARINELLI

**DALLAS (AP)** — A white police officer accused of fatally shooting her black neighbor inside his own apartment was fired Monday for being arrested for manslaughter in the slaying, the Dallas Police Department said.

Police Chief U. Renee Hall dismissed Officer Amber Guyger during a hearing Monday, according to the statement posted on Twitter.

Guyger is charged with manslaughter in the Sept. 6 shooting that left 26-year-old Botham Jean dead. Court records show Guyger said she thought she had encountered a burglar inside her own home. She turned herself in three days later, and is currently out on bond.

"An Internal Affairs investigation concluded that on September 9, 2018, Officer Guyger #10702, engaged in adverse conduct when she was arrested for Manslaughter," the statement said. It doesn't explain what "adverse conduct" means. Later, Dallas police spokesman Sgt. Warren Mitchell said in a written response that adverse conduct is "conduct which adversely affects the moral or efficiency of the Department or which has a tendency to adversely affect, lower,

destroy public respect and confidence in the Department or officer." When an officer has been arrested for a crime, adverse conduct is often cited in the officer's termination, he said. Attorneys for Jean's family, along with protesters, have been calling for Guyger, a four-year veteran of the force, to be fired since the shooting. The family's attorneys released a statement saying they see the termination as an initial victory. "However, we are committed to seeing through the next steps of the process of a proper murder indictment, conviction and appropriate sentencing," the statement said.

Dallas County District Attorney Faith Johnson has said the case will be presented to a grand jury, which could decide a more serious charge than manslaughter.

One of the family's attorneys, Lee Merritt, said Jean was being buried Monday in St. Lucia.

There are conflicting narratives over what led up to the shooting.

Guyger told investigators that she had just ended a shift when she returned in uniform to the South Side Flats apartment complex where she lived.

She said when she put her key in the apartment door,



This file photo provided by the Kaufman County Sheriff's Office shows Amber Renee Guyger.

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which was unlocked and slightly ajar, it opened, according to the affidavit. Inside, the lights were off, and she saw a figure in the darkness that cast a large silhouette across the room, according to the officer's account.

Guyger said she concluded her apartment was being burglarized and gave verbal commands to the person, who ignored them. The affidavit said she then

drew her weapon and fired twice.

She called 911. Asked where she was, she returned to the front door to see she was in the wrong unit, according to the affidavit. The 911 tapes have not been released.

But according to an affidavit for a search warrant Jean "confronted the officer at the door."

After the shooting, Guyger's blood was drawn to be

tested for alcohol and drugs, according to Hall. Authorities have not released results. Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings said he agrees with the decision to fire Guyger. "The swift termination of any officer who engages in misconduct that leads to the loss of innocent life is essential if the Dallas Police Department is to gain and maintain the public trust," Rawlings said in a statement. □



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## Wails, vows of revenge at Iran funeral after parade attack

By **MOHSEN GANJI**  
**NASSER KARIMI**  
 Associated Press

**AHVAZ, Iran (AP)** — Amid wails and vows of revenge, thousands of Iranians on Monday attended a mass funeral service for victims of a weekend attack targeting a military parade that killed at least 25 people. The dead from Saturday's attack in the southwestern city of Ahvaz, blamed on Arab separatists, ranged from a disabled war hero to a 4-year-old boy. The assault killed members of Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard, including conscripts, wounded over 60 others and further ratcheted up tensions across the Persian Gulf ahead of this week's United Nations General Assembly.

The father of 4-year-old victim Mohammad Taha lay atop his son's flag-draped coffin sobbing, a public display of grief near the Sarallah Mosque in Ahvaz, the capital of Iran's oil-rich province of Khuzestan.

Women in long black chadors held back tears while rhythmically striking their chests, a traditional way of showing grief. Mourners also played drums, cymbals and horns, according to local customs.

Of the 25 killed, 12 were from Ahvaz and the rest from elsewhere in Khuzestan.

As crowds flowed down Ahvaz's streets, cries of "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" rose from the mourners. While a traditional chant in the years since Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution, they have taken on a new meaning as Iranian officials have blamed the



Father of Mohammad Taha Eghadami, a 4-year-old boy who was killed in Saturday's terror attack on a military parade, mourns over his coffin during a mass funeral ceremony for the victims, in southwestern city of Ahvaz, Iran, Monday, Sept. 24, 2018.

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U.S. and its regional allies for backing the separatists, who carried out the assault while disguised in military uniforms.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the attack showed Iran has "a lot of enemies," according to remarks posted on his website, in which he linked the attackers to the U.S., Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

"Definitely, we will harshly punish the operatives" behind the terror attack, he added.

Speaking at the funeral, the Guard's acting commander, Gen. Hossein Salami, vowed revenge against the perpetrators and what he called the "triangle" of Saudi Arabia, Israel and the United States.

"You are responsible for these actions; you will face the repercussions," the general said. "We warn all of

those behind the story, we will take revenge."

In the U.S., Defense Secretary Jim Mattis noted to reporters that the Trump administration had condemned the attack. "It's ludicrous to allege that we might have had anything to do with it," he said.

Mattis also said he wasn't concerned by Iranian talk of revenge. "We've been very clear that they shouldn't take us on like that, and I'm hopeful that cooler, wiser heads will prevail," he said.

Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alavai told the mourners that his agency had identified many suspects involved in the attack and "a majority of them were detained."

"We will punish the terrorists, one by one," he promised the crowd.

State TV reported late Monday that authorities have

detained 22 suspects linked to the group behind the attack and confiscated ammunition and communication equipment. The semi-official Fars news agency reported that five militants took part in the assault, all of whom were killed. It said two of them were brothers. Saturday's attack targeted one of many parades in Iran marking the start of the country's long 1980s war with Iraq, part of a commemoration known as "Sacred Defense Week." The attacks in Ahvaz sent women and children fleeing alongside the soldiers once marching in the parade.

Arab separatists in the region claimed the attack and Iranian officials have blamed them for the assault. The separatists accuse Iran's Persian-dominated government of discriminating against its ethnic Arab minority. Khuzestan

province also has seen recent protests over Iran's nationwide drought, as well as economic protests.

President Hassan Rouhani has accused an unnamed U.S.-allied regional country of supporting the attackers. Iran's Foreign Ministry also summoned Western diplomats and an envoy from the UAE, accusing them of allegedly providing havens for the Arab separatists.

Rouhani's remarks could refer to Saudi Arabia, the UAE or Bahrain — close U.S. military allies that view Iran as a regional menace, in part because of its support for militant groups across the Middle East. Saudi-linked media immediately carried claims of responsibility by the separatists after the attack and have widely covered their previous attacks on oil pipelines. The Islamic State group also claimed Saturday's attack, initially offering incorrect information about it and later publishing a video of three men it identified as the attackers. The men in the video did not resemble images of two dead attackers published by Iranian media in the aftermath of the attack. Iranian state media have not acknowledged the IS claims. The attack comes as Iran's economy reels in the wake of the U.S. re-imposing sanctions lifted by Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers. While Iran still complies with the accord, President Donald Trump withdrew America over the deal in part due to Tehran's ballistic missile program, its "malign behavior" in the Mideast and its support of militant groups like Hezbollah. □





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## Admired abroad, New Zealand leader faces hurdles at home

By NICK PERRY

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) —

Last Thursday, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced the high-profile interviews she'd be doing this week in New York, where she's attending the U.N. General Assembly. Among her appearances: the Today show, the Late Show with Stephen Colbert and an interview with CNN's Christiane Amanpour. She also exchanged tweets with the singer Rihanna about the importance of investing in education.

But by Thursday afternoon, Ardern was appearing somber at a hastily called news conference in Wellington, New Zealand's capital. She was firing a lawmaker from her ministerial role following an altercation the lawmaker had with a staff member that some people say turned physical.

In the year since she took office, Ardern, 38, has enjoyed unprecedented global attention for a leader from this nation of fewer than 5 million people. Yet at home, she's faced political pressure as she tries to keep control of a coalition government that sometimes threatens to come apart. Internationally, Ardern in many ways offers a counterpoint to President Donald Trump: She is young, liberal and espouses an empathetic approach to leadership. She's also pushed the boundaries for women by becoming just the second world leader in modern times to give birth while in office.



In this April 17, 2018, file photo, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern speaks to the media in Berlin.

Ardern will meet with other leaders at the General Assembly. On her agenda are combating climate change, promoting global trade and supporting the rights of women and children.

She's traveling with her partner, Clarke Gayford, and their 3-month-old daughter, Neve. Gayford joked in a tweet Monday that Neve had kept them awake until 3:45 a.m., without any regard to the changing time zones.

Ardern is certain to attract more attention than some of her predecessors. In 2013, New Zealand's then-prime minister, John Key, was photographed by the European Pressphoto

Agency joking with his British counterpart at Nelson Mandela's funeral. The caption? "British Prime Minister David Cameron (R) laughs with an unidentified guest ..."

Back in New Zealand on Monday, Deputy Prime Minister Winston Peters was filling in for Ardern. Peters, 73, is known for his contrarian streak and political combativeness. Asked his thoughts on a proposal to change the name of a local university, Peters said he had an opinion but wasn't telling.

"Otherwise you'll be saying Winston Peters is going rogue," he told reporters. "And you're not going to get that chance again."

Keeping her government on the same page has been a constant issue for Ardern, who needs not only the support of her Labour Party to govern, but also the support of two smaller parties: Peters and his more conservative New Zealand First Party, and the environmentally focused Green Party.

Ardern has also faced problems from within her own party. Communications Minister Clare Curran resigned as a minister earlier this month after a series of blunders, including not disclosing meetings she held with industry figures. And then on Thursday, Ardern removed Meka Whaitiri as minister of customs af-

ter the altercation. Whaitiri disputes what happened, and Ardern says she's not going into details until an investigation is completed. Opposition lawmaker Judith Collins said she was supportive of Ardern getting positive attention abroad because it was good for the image of the country as a whole.

"It's really hard in New Zealand getting any coverage overseas at all, for anything that doesn't involve a black shirt," Collins said, referring to the country's world-beating All Blacks rugby team. But asked for her assessment of Ardern's performance at home, Collins offered just two words: "Pretty dire."

Yet despite the political obstacles, Ardern's government has passed a number of measures over its first year in office. It has raised the minimum wage, increased support to low-income families and new parents, banned most foreigners from buying homes, and announced an ambitious policy to combat climate change by making the country carbon neutral by 2050.

And during Ardern's tenure, the economy has kept growing at a steady annual rate of 2.7 percent, despite some surveys indicating a downturn in confidence among businesses and consumers.

The last leader to give birth while holding office was the late Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, who gave birth to her daughter Bakhtawar in 1990. □

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# Russia to provide Syria with new S-300 air defense missiles

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russia announced Monday it will supply Syria's government with sophisticated S-300 air defense systems after last week's downing of a Russian plane by Syria forces responding to an Israeli air strike, a friendly fire incident that stoked regional tensions.

The Russian Il-20 military reconnaissance aircraft was downed by Syrian air defenses that mistook it for an Israeli aircraft, killing all 15 people on board. Russia laid the blame on Israel, saying Israeli fighter jets had pushed the plane into Syria's line of fire, an account denied by the Israeli military.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu announced that the S-300 missile defense systems will be delivered to Damascus within two weeks. Earlier in the war, Russia suspended a supply of S-300s, which Israel feared Syria could use against it.

Shoigu went on television to say that Russia is now going to go ahead with the shipment because "the situation has changed, and it's not our fault."

Shortly after his statement, Putin got a call from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and told him that the Russian move was "aimed primarily at fending off any potential threat to the lives of Russian servicemen," according to a readout of the call issued by the Kremlin. Shoigu announced that Russia would equip Syrian air defenses with a new automated control system to enhance its efficiency and help identify Russian aircraft. He said the Russian military will start using electronic countermeasures to jam any aircraft that would try to launch attacks off Syria's coast like the Israeli strike that resulted in the Russian plane's downing.

"We are convinced that these measures will calm down some hotheads and keep them from careless actions which pose a threat to our troops," he said.

In its readout of the call with Putin, Netanyahu's of-



In this file photo taken on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013, Russian air defense system missile system Antey 2500, or S-300 VM, is on display at the opening of the MAKS Air Show in Zhukovsky outside Moscow, Russia.

fice said the Israeli prime minister "stressed once again that the responsibility for the unfortunate incident lay on the Syrian army that shot it down and on Iran, whose aggression is destabilizing the region."

In an apparent reference to the S-300, the statement said "transferring advanced weapons to irresponsible hands will increase the dangers in the region," adding that Israel will "continue to defend its security and interests."

The Israeli military has denied responsibility for the downing of the Russian jet. In a statement Sunday, it said the hotline worked as it was supposed to, that Israeli jets did not hide behind other aircraft and that they were in Israeli airspace when the Russian plane was downed.

U.S. national security adviser John Bolton meanwhile said Monday that delivery of the Russian S-300 would be a "significant escalation" in already high tensions in the region, and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said he would raise the matter this week with his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov at the U.N. General Assembly.

"We think introducing the S-300s to the Syrian government would be a significant escalation by the Russians and something that we hope, if these press reports are accurate, they would reconsider," Bolton said.

International and regional powers backing various sides in Syria's civil war have been carrying out strikes for years, often using special hotlines to prevent aerial confrontations.

Israel said its warplanes were targeting a Syrian facility involved in arms shipments to the Iranian-backed Hezbollah group. Israel has launched at least 200 strikes at Iranian and Hezbollah facilities in Syria over the past years, and has maintained a hotline with the Russian military to prevent any collisions.

Shoigu said that the Israeli military warned Russia about last week's strike just one minute before launching it and claimed it was being conducted in Syria's north. Instead, the Israeli jets targeted the western province of Latakia, putting the Russian warplane in the line of fire.

Russia launched its campaign in Syria to support President Bashar Assad in

2015, eventually turning the tide of war in favor of Syrian government forces. Moscow has tried to maintain good relations with Iran, which is also allied with the Syrian government, and Israel, which is wary of Iran's growing influence in Syria.

Assad's office said the Syrian leader received a call from Putin Monday and that the two discussed the latest developments, including the downing of the plane and the S-300 delivery. The statement said Assad expressed his condolences for the deaths of the Russian airmen.

Russian officials said Syria's Soviet-made S-200 systems, one of which downed the Russian plane, weren't sophisticated enough to identify the Russian aircraft

as a friendly one.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov told Russian news agencies that supplying the S-300 to Syria is Russia's "own right" and expressed confidence that this would not hurt ties with Israel.

The downing of the plane came just hours after Russia announced it had reached a deal with Turkey to avert a Russian-backed Syrian government offensive against the northwestern province of Idlib, one of the last areas still in rebel hands.

Idlib, controlled by a mix of radical groups and Turkey-backed armed opposition, overlooks the Syrian coast, where Russian military and air bases are located. The bases have reportedly come under rebel fire.

Syrian state TV said insurgents shelled a government-controlled crossing east of Idlib on Monday that was reportedly prepared to allow civilians to leave the province.

Concerns are rising in Idlib over the details of the deal and how it will be implemented. The province is home to some 3 million Syrians, half of them displaced by violence in other parts of the country.

Hard-line armed groups have rejected the deal, saying it aims to strip the opposition of weapons and is a victory for Assad's government. On Sunday, tribal leaders and prominent local figures meeting in Idlib said they distrusted Russian mediation, citing Russia's previous cease-fire violations. The conference called on armed groups not to leave the front lines in Syria or hand over their weapons. □

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## In a first, Hong Kong bans pro-independence political party

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**HONG KONG (AP)** — Authorities in Hong Kong on Monday took an unprecedented step to quash separatist voices by banning a political party that advocates independence for the southern Chinese territory on national security grounds.

John Lee, the territory's secretary for security, announced that the Hong Kong National Party would be prohibited from operation from Monday.

At a briefing, Lee said the political party led by 27-year-old Andy Chan posed a threat to national security because it wants Hong Kong to be an independent republic and has taken steps to push this agenda.

Lee cited as examples alleged plans by the party to recruit members and infiltrate schools to promote its views.

Lee said the party also



In this Aug. 14, 2018, photo, Andy Chan, founder of the Hong Kong National Party, speaks during a luncheon at the Foreign Correspondents Club in Hong Kong.

"spreads hatred and discrimination against mainlanders in Hong Kong," referring to people from mainland China who live in the

city. He accused the party of saying that it would employ all means to achieve its goals, including force — though the South China

Morning Post newspaper said he acknowledged that the party hasn't actually used violent means to promote its cause.

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The ban cites a national security law that has not been invoked since 1997. It is likely to raise further questions about Beijing's growing influence in the former British colony, which was promised semi-autonomy as part of its 1997 handover.

Chinese President Xi Jinping and other officials have warned separatist activity would not be tolerated.

The perception that Beijing is reneging on its promise of semi-autonomy and eroding Hong Kong's free elections and freedom of speech is helping fuel a rising generation of young activists calling for greater autonomy, if not outright independence.

Huge pro-democracy protests erupted in 2014 in response to the decision by China's ruling Communist Party to retain the right to effectively pre-screen candidates for Hong Kong's leadership. □

## Indonesian teenager rescued after drifting 49 days at sea

By ALI KOTARUMALOS

Associated Press

**JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)** — An Indonesian teenager who survived 49 days adrift at sea after the wooden fish trap he was employed to mind slipped its moorings says he ran out of food within a week and survived on fish and seawater he squeezed from his clothing. Aldi Novel Adilang told The Associated Press on Monday that he turned on a lamp every time he sighted another ship and can't re-

member how many passed by "unaware of my ordeal." The Indonesian Consulate in Osaka, Japan, said the 18-year-old was rescued by a Panamanian-flagged vessel off Guam on Aug. 31, about 1,200 miles (1,920 kilometers) from his original location, and returned to Indonesia with officials earlier this month.

He was employed since age 16 in the one of the world's loneliest jobs: lamp lighter on a rompong — a wooden raft with a hut on

top that's lit at night to attract fish — moored about 125 kilometers (78 miles) off the coast of North Sulawesi. The coastline is not visible from the fishing rafts and the numerous rompong are miles apart, said Adilang's mother, Net Kahiking. Supplies including food and fuel for a generator are dropped off about once a week.

The minders, who earn \$130 a month, communicate with fishing boats by hand-held radio. □



In this undated photo released by Indonesian Consulate General in Osaka, 18-year-old Aldi Novel Adilang is seen on a wooden fish trap floating in the waters near the island of Guam.

Associated Press



# As Venezuelans go hungry, Trump targets food corruption

By JOSHUA GOODMAN

**PANAMA CITY (AP)** — The June meeting was conducted behind closed doors far from the klieg-light attention normally focused on Venezuela.

Around a U-shaped table in a hotel towering above the Panama Canal, U.S. Treasury Department officials distributed a list of suspected shell companies that they believe senior Venezuelan officials have used around the globe to siphon off millions of dollars in food import contracts amid widespread starvation in the oil-rich nation.

That meeting, and several since, is part of a sustained campaign by the Trump administration to pressure President Nicolas Maduro by striking at the wallets of top officials in Venezuela's socialist administration.

"They know we're after them, and they know we're after them on a multinational basis because we're beginning to see the networks morph and new shell companies stand up and existing ones wound down," Marshall Billingslea, the assistant Treasury secretary for terrorist financing, said in an interview on the sidelines of the June meeting.

At that session, forensic investigators from the U.S. and three conservative Latin American allies — Mexico, Panama and Colombia — traced transactions by companies believed to be controlled by a government-connected businessman, according to several participants who spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the deliberations were private.

Since Donald Trump became president, dozens of senior Venezuelan officials have been sanctioned over allegations of corruption, human rights abuses and drug trafficking. Last year, Trump even threatened a "military option" to remove Maduro and, with senior aides and Latin American leaders, raised the possibility of invading the South American country.



In this July 6, 2018 photo, employees of a government-supported cultural center receive boxes with subsidized food distributed under a government program named "CLAP" in downtown Caracas, Venezuela.

Associated Press

The focus on food is deliberate, said Billingslea, who led Trump's national security transition team.

A story published by the AP in 2016 revealed how senior Venezuelan officials and members of the military were enriching themselves by diverting money from food contracts. Since then, as hunger has spread, Maduro has moved to assert even greater control of food distribution, handing out monthly boxes of staples that critics label a form of dictatorial social control. Maduro said he began distributing the so-called CLAP boxes — a Spanish acronym for Local Committees for Supply and Production — as a way to circumvent an "economic war" being waged by his opponents. But critics say Maduro has essentially weaponized food, distributing the boxes primarily to government workers and supporters.

As Venezuela has fallen deeper into turmoil, the

CLAP program has become a tenuous lifeline for millions suffering due to barren supermarket shelves and hyperinflation.

"This goes beyond just corruption," said Billingslea, who was accompanied in Panama by Kenneth Blanco, the director of the Treasury Department's financial crimes enforcement network. "This is literally looting the one social safety-net program left."

Billingslea would not discuss specific individuals or entities on the task force's radar, but said going after what he believes is money stolen from food imports by Maduro and first lady Cilia Flores is a top priority.

The participants who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity said a Colombian businessman named Alex Saab was a major focus of the Panama City meetings.

Saab gained some prominence in 2011 after appearing on Venezuelan

state TV with the late President Hugo Chavez to sign an agreement to build housing for the government. Investigators say he entered the food business through the Hong Kong-based Group Grand Ltd., which they say bears the hallmarks of a shell company.

Group Grand has been awarded contracts to provide at least 11.5 million CLAP boxes, according to a Venezuelan Food Ministry spreadsheet obtained by the AP.

Prosecutors in both Miami and Colombia have been investigating Saab for more than a year, four U.S. and Colombian officials with knowledge of those investigations told the AP. All spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the probe.

Saab's Miami-based lawyer, Richard Diaz, rejected allegations of any wrongdoing, saying his client has

been subjected to undue scrutiny and harsh media coverage because of false testimony leveled against him. He said that if the U.S. had cause to believe the allegations were possibly true, his client would have been charged long ago.

Saab said in a statement that he is being targeted by government opponents looking to sabotage Venezuela's economy.

"Instead, they should be thankful that despite so much bad press and international blockade there are still businessmen willing to invest and believe in the country," he said.

The U.S. estimates that at least 70 percent of the CLAP program is being gutted by corruption.

Among the transactions raising red flags is a September 2017 invoice presented to Venezuela's food ministry by Group Grand for \$41 million worth of powdered milk at a price of \$6,950 per metric ton — more than double the market price at the time. A copy of the invoice was provided to the AP. The investigative cooperation between the U.S. and other countries already has yielded some results.

On May 17, three days before Maduro was re-elected, then-Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos, acting on information provided by the U.S., announced the seizure of 15 shipping containers filled with more than 25,000 CLAP boxes.

In testimony to police obtained by the AP, the owner of a Colombian company said he was hired by a Portuguese firm to assemble and ship the boxes to Venezuela's Corporation of Foreign Trade, which the U.S. Treasury has said is a vehicle frequently used by corrupt officials for embezzling state funds.

Billingslea said Maduro has repeatedly sought to deflect blame for his own mismanagement and refusal to address mounting hunger. "If they really wanted to feed people, they'd let in the foreign aid that's been offered," he said. □



## LOCAL



## Proposal for a Museum of Modern Art



**ORANJESTAD —** Osaira Muyale, local artist, is the representative of the art exhibition "Proposal" at the Archivo Nacional Aruba (National Archive of Aruba). With this exhibition she wishes to share the importance of having our own Museum of Modern Art with the community.

Muyale explained how important it is to have a museum in Aruba where every artist is able to expose their artwork. Since August 24th 2018 the Archivo Nacional Aruba opened an exhibition at their facility to illustrate how a modern art museum would look from the inside if this would be approved. Various local artists have been invited to be part of this and exhibit their art pieces. Many of these artists live in Holland where they make a living out of their art.

### Respect to Local Identity

In Holland there is a world of museums where they

can expose their artwork and continue their growth in the art industry, but here in Aruba there is a lack in this field. The artists feel that there is no or not much support towards them. Every creative has her or his own way and style of seeing the artistic world. They put all their dreams into these art pieces. According to Muyale she feels there is also not much interest coming from the community in supporting these artists. People are not really buying art from local artists thus not supporting local culture and for this reason a museum like the proposed one is very important in Aruba. It will bring awareness and respect for the cultural identity and that is what is missing in our society in order to prevent many social problems.

### Sensitive Stories

Muyale explains that all themes and artworks that can be seen at the exhibition are different but they

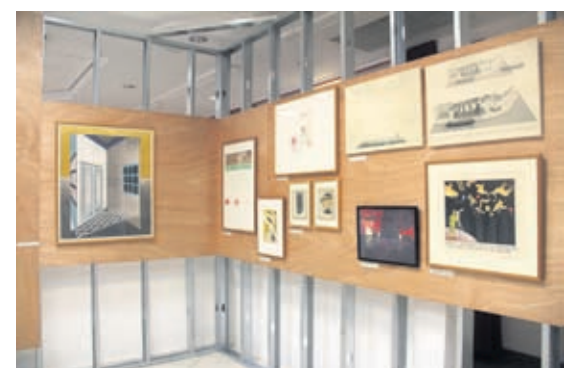
all have a base in common. The visual art reflects the social problems, immigration, emotional problems and issues that occur in our today's society. Every art piece has a story to tell. They are all sensitive. All artists have a beautiful heart in need of appreciation of the community for their creativity.

To show support towards the local artists Muyale requests locals and visitors to buy their artworks. The name of the exhibition is called "Proposal". A proposal to show the people how a modern art museum would look like and the necessity of it in Aruba.

At the Archivo Nacional Aruba you will get books with the history of each artist, local, regional and international, who are exhibiting their art work here. That way the community can have an idea of what the artist has to offer, their point

of view on what art means to them. Muyale points out that there is a big collection selected for the day the museum becomes a reality. When this day comes the local artist will have more opportunities to create artworks and display them every 6 months or each year. A history of art can be created from past generations and the new generation all together.

The exhibition will be opened until January of 2019. More information is to be found on Facebook Archivo Nacional Aruba. □





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Better Breakfast Day was established to remind us that just because any breakfast is better than no breakfast, that doesn't mean we should skimp on what we put in our bodies at the start of the day. Rich eggs, solid protein from meat, and a reasonable portion of grains (bread or oatmeal) will help us keep motivated. Recent research has shown that not having breakfast before school can lead to problems learning and focusing throughout the day. This just goes to show that it's even more important to make sure that our kids leave the house with a solid healthy breakfast under their belt.

### How to Celebrate Better Breakfast Day

Start your celebration of Better Breakfast Day by judging your breakfast quality. Do you simply have a piece of toast with butter? A bowl of breakfast cereal? Or the tasty but incredibly bad for you Pop-Tart? It might be time to start changing up what you have for breakfast!

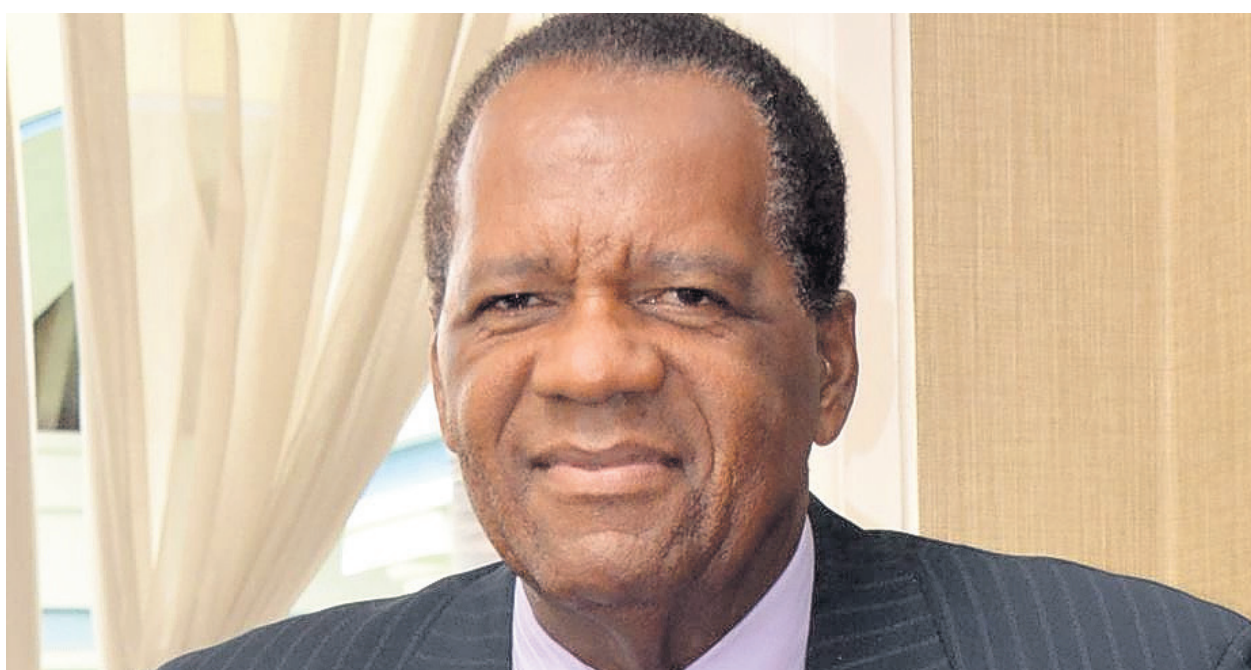
Try to ensure that you get some healthy fruit in with your breakfast, alongside a nice piece of toast and some slices of bacon or pieces of sausage. Giving your body a balanced start to the day is essential, and Better Breakfast Day is your chance to start making healthy breakfast a habit. □



## Becoming a Person of Integrity

**ORANJESTAD —** Mr. Nelson Foendoe, teacher, writer and public speaker, will be presenting his new book "Becoming a Person of Integrity" at the National Library of Aruba upcoming Wednesday September 26th 2018.

His book titled "Becoming a Person of Integrity" reflects deeply on the theme of integrity. Not only implying integrity when someone is watching is important but to continue with integrity when no one is watching is the key. Different topics related to integrity get their attention in this book such as corruption (its cause and how to prevent it), importance of money, hunger for power and fame, our conscious and many more topics. The topic "moral" is widely explained in his book and at the end practical suggestions regarding this are given. The presentation starts at 7PM and is open for the public. □





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Darline together with the staff of Divi presented the certificate to the honorees and handed over some presents to them and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their vacation destination and as their home away from home for so many years. □





## Asi Es Mi Peru restaurant launches Chef Table 5 Course Menu:

# "It feels like having dinner at home in Peru"



**EAGLEBEACH — Peruvian-born Roxanna Salinas is the proud owner of a restaurant that without doubt serves the purest Peruvian specialties in Aruba: Asi Es Mi Peru at Paradise Beach Villas. She herself welcomes you in 'her home' as that is how the restaurant is described by Peruvian foodies: Food like home, for sure the best compliment a restaurant can get. "Everything here is 100 % Peruvian, we are authentic and ethnic." Peru by the way is considered to be the single most important cuisine in Latin America with a repertoire of dishes that might even beat France. Many big-name chefs travel to the country to get inspired. How It All Started**

"Many years ago during a Christmas gathering with family my mom told me why I did not open a Peruvian restaurant in Aruba. She said: who does not love Peruvian food?" That was the trigger for the start because Roxanne loves cooking, it is in her genes. Her mom and grandmother were great cooks. "My base principle was to do everything original and authentic. When

guests come to this restaurant I want to serve them the food as if you were dining the best dishes in a house in Peru. The taste is equal, nothing is fused or changed. Many Peruvians that come here say: I feel like I am having dinner at home. It is very difficult to please Peruvians as naturally they know best what is authentic." To find her Chef and Sous Chef she went to Peru where she interviewed 190 applicants. "We had more than 400 people that applied, after a screening that my brother and I did, we were left with 190 and out of them 10 cooked for me. I gave them a basket with ingredients and a certain plate they had to cook.

Based on that I chose the Chef and Sous Chef." Chef Table 5 Course Menu Peruvian food is remarkable for the diversity of its ingredients. It might be best known for its ceviche, the marinated seafood dish, but bestsellers are also Lomo Saltado (stir fry strips sirloin), seafood rice and Pescado a lo Macho (fish of the day). Roxanne explains that recently the Chef launched a 5-course Chef Table Menu. "Now that we have standardized our typical Peruvian cuisine, we are ready to take it to the next level. Our Chef is very knowledgeable and we bring higher cuisine to the table." Of the 5 courses the first is the Tiradito Tres

Regiones, and the 2nd the Majao de Yuca con Pargo Escabechado paired with a wonderful Santiago Ruiz Albarino; The 3rd plate is a Cremosa de Quinoa con Aji Relleno paired with a Hahn Pinot Noir, the 4th the Lomo con Salsa de Hongos

Andinos paired with a Merlot Santa Margarita, and the 5th a Crocante de Maracuya. Try this wonderful culinary experience! Roxanne explains that the Peruvian food is influenced by different cultures. "A lot of people came from China to work in the sugar plantations, Japanese came to work in the rice fields and African immigrants brought their influences as well... that's why you see a fusion in the dishes. The typical food and plates from Peru mixed with these influences make up for an excellent cuisine. Our sushi for example is totally different than the standard sushi and we have so many pastas that are outside of Italian pastas. The variety of corn, more than 500 variety of potatoes... I can go on and on." I guess you will need to try it for yourself as Roxanne's place is unique. Asi Es Mi Peru is open every day from 12 noon - 10:30 pm. They are closed on Monday evening. Have a peak on their website <https://www.asiesmiperuenaruba.com/> or Facebook [asiesmiperuenaruba](https://www.facebook.com/asiesmiperuenaruba).





# SPORTS



Tiger Woods is followed by fans as he approaches the 18th green during the final round of the Tour Championship golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, in Atlanta.

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## Tiger Woods is back, and golf is better for it

By PAUL NEWBERRY

AP Sports Columnist

ATLANTA (AP) — They had waited more than five years for this moment. No way were those frail little ropes, strung up on flimsy poles, going to hold them back.

No way were they listening to those red-shirted marshals, a bit of terror in their eyes as they pleaded futilely for everyone to come to their senses.

They had to feel it, touch it, see it with their own eyes.

Maybe that was the only way to persuade themselves that this most remarkable of comebacks had actually happened.

Tiger Woods.

A winner again .

The staid ol' Tour Championship became a boisterous street party late Sunday afternoon, the fans storming down the middle of the 18th fairway like a bunch of crazed college kids laying siege to a football field after a last-second victory.

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# BILLS OF GOOD



## Bills stun the Vikings 27-6

Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen (17) tries to break a tackle by Minnesota Vikings linebacker Anthony Barr (55) during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, in Minneapolis.

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# Underdog Bills unleash D on Cousins in 27-6 win vs. Vikings

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MINNEAPOLIS | Josh Allen played with the poise of a well-seasoned quarterback for the Buffalo Bills by accounting for three touchdowns in his first road start in the NFL. Allen made Minnesota's Kirk Cousins look like the raw rookie in a stunning 27-6 upset of the Vikings on Sunday.

Cousins had three turnovers, including a lost fumble on a third-down sack inside Minnesota's 20-yard line, on each of the first two possessions. Buffalo turned those recoveries into 10 points and was on cruise control by midway through the second quarter as the crowd at U.S. Bank Stadium cranked up the boos.

The Vikings (1-1-1) were 16½-point favorites when the game began, allowing the Bills (1-2) to become only the sixth such underdog in the NFL's last 81 point spreads that big. After being outscored 75-9 over their first six quarters of the season, the Bills have enjoyed a 41-9 advantage over the last six periods.

Saints 43, Falcons 37, OT ATLANTA | Drew Brees' 1-yard run capped an 80-yard touchdown drive to open overtime. Brees' score came after his apparent 3-yard TD pass to Alvin Kamara was overturned on video review that determined Kamara's knee was down before the goal line. Brees scored on a keeper on the following play, giving the Saints (2-1) the win on the day the 39-year-old quarterback set the NFL record for career completions.

Brees passed for 396 yards and three touchdowns and ran for two scores. Kamara had 15 catches for 124 yards and ran for 66 yards. Brees' biggest play before the winner might have been his improbable 7-yard scoring run with 1:15 remaining that forced overtime. He ran to his left and then spun to avoid tackle attempts by Brian Poole and Robert Alford.

Eagles 20, Colts 16

PHILADELPHIA | Carson Wentz threw a touchdown



Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins is sacked by Buffalo Bills linebacker Matt Milano during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, in Minneapolis.

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pass on his first drive in nine months, then Wendell Smallwood ran in from the 4 for the go-ahead score.

Adam Vinatieri tied Morten Andersen's career record of 565 field goals by connecting on all three tries, but the Colts (1-2) couldn't take advantage of two turnovers by Wentz inside the 20 in the second half. The defending Super Bowl champion Eagles (2-1) needed two defensive stops against Andrew Luck in the final 90 seconds. Indy had a first down at the Eagles 11 and two cracks from the 4, but Luck's pass to T.Y. Hilton sailed over his shoulder in the left corner of the end zone on third down and Derek Barnett sacked Luck on fourth down.

The Colts got the ball again at their 11 with 39 seconds remaining but couldn't reach midfield. Jacoby Brissett threw a desperation pass on the final play that fell incomplete.

Rams 35, Chargers 23

LOS ANGELES | Jared Goff passed for 354 yards and three touchdowns, and Todd Gurley rushed for 105 yards and another score, leading the Rams over the Chargers in the franchises' first meeting since their relocations to Los Angeles.

Cory Littleton blocked a punt in the end zone and Blake Countess recovered for an early touchdown for the Rams (3-0), who racked up 521 yards and remained

one of the NFL's four unbeaten teams.

Seahawks 24, Cowboys 13 SEATTLE | Russell Wilson threw for two touchdowns in the first half, Chris Carson added a 5-yard TD run in early in the fourth quarter, and the Seahawks avoided an 0-3 start.

Wilson hit Jaron Brown on an 16-yard touchdown early in the second quarter, and later hit Tyler Lockett streaking up the sideline on a 52-yard scoring pass as Seattle (1-2) built a 17-3 halftime lead and cruised past the Cowboys.

Dolphins 28, Raiders 20

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. | Receiver Albert Wilson threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to put the Dolphins ahead midway through the fourth quarter, and then turned a short reception into a 74-yard score that sealed it.

Miami coach Adam Gase used creative play calling to overcome a wave of injuries and penalties, and a 17-minute deficit in time of possession. The Dolphins scored on a pair of shovel passes by Ryan Tannehill that each traveled less than a yard — one on the flip to Wilson, and an earlier similar pass that Jakeem Grant caught before turning the corner for an 18-yard score.

Panthers 31, Bengals 21

CHARLOTTE, N.C. | Cam Newton threw for two touchdowns and ran for two others, while Christian

McCaffrey racked up a career-high 184 yards rushing. Newton completed 15 of 24 passes for 150 yards and ran for 36 yards as the Panthers (2-1) won their seventh straight home game going back to last season. McCaffrey, who tied a franchise record with 14 receptions last week against Atlanta, did his damage on the ground this time with 28 carries. He surpassed his previous career high of 66 yards rushing and became the first Carolina player with a 100-yard receiving game and a 100-yard rushing game in back-to-back weeks.

Carolina had 230 yards rushing.

Ravens 27, Broncos 14

BALTIMORE | Joe Flacco picked apart Denver's depleted defense for 277 yards and a touchdown. Connecting with eight receivers, Flacco went 25 for 40 without an interception on a rainy afternoon. He threw 28 passes in the first half, when Baltimore (2-1) took control.

The Ravens turned to their defense in the fourth quarter, twice stopping drives inside their 15.

Flacco's success came against a Denver backfield that began the day without injured cornerback Adam Jones (thigh) and lost cornerback Tramaine Brock (groin) in the first quarter. As a result, rookie Isaac Yiadom saw significant playing

time at right cornerback.

Javorious Allen caught a 12-yard touchdown pass and ran for a score for the Ravens.

Titans 9, Jaguars 6

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. | Marcus Mariota came off the bench and directed three scoring drives, including one in the fourth quarter. Mariota replaced Blaine Gabbert in the first quarter after Gabbert was knocked out of the game with a concussion.

Mariota sat out last week's victory against Houston because of an elbow injury sustained in the season opener. He had been experiencing arm weakness along with numbness and tingling in two fingers. The injury affects the velocity and spin he gets on the football. Mariota wore a glove on his injured right hand and was able to do just enough to beat the Jaguars (2-1) for the third straight time and fifth time in the past six meetings.

Washington 31, Packers 17

LANDOVER, Md. | Adrian Peterson ran for 120 yards and a pair of 2-yard scores, Alex Smith threw two touchdown passes — all in the first half — and the Redskins held on over a gimpy Aaron Rodgers and the Packers, who again had complaints about a roughing-the-passer penalty on Clay Matthews.

On a rainy afternoon, the Redskins (2-1) moved out to leads of 14-0 and, at halftime, 28-10, by putting together TD drives of 74, 75, 79 and 98 yards. Smith connected for TDs of 46 yards to Paul Richardson on the game's fourth play and of 9 to Jamison Crowder in the second quarter.

Peterson, who ran 19 times, raised his career total to 102 rushing touchdowns, breaking a tie at 100 with Marshall Faulk and Shaun Alexander and moving him alone into seventh place in NFL history behind Emmitt Smith's record of 164.

This was Peterson's 52nd game with at least 100 yards on the ground, and first since Nov. 5, 2017, for Arizona against San Francisco. □



# Ex-Sabres captain Brian Gionta retires after 16 NHL seasons

By JOHN WAWROW, AP  
Hockey Writer

**BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)** — At a mere 5-foot-7, Brian Gionta knew the odds would be long at getting an opportunity to play in the NHL some 20 years ago after being drafted by the New Jersey Devils.

"I never thought it would have lasted as long as it did," Gionta said. "I went into it hoping I could play one NHL game."

Little did Gionta know how far off he'd be in his initial expectations regarding his lack of size.

At 39, Gionta formally announced his retirement on Monday in closing a 16-year NHL career in which he played 1,026 regular-season games, plus another 113 in the playoffs.

The highlights included him winning a Stanley Cup with the 2003 Devils, captaining the Montreal Canadiens and Buffalo Sabres, as well as representing the United

States at two Winter Olympics.

Gionta isn't leaving hockey entirely.

Though he intends to spend more time with his family, Gionta said he has accepted a yet-to-be-defined role as a developmental coach with the Sabres on a part-time basis.

Gionta is from nearby Rochester, New York, and has made his home in Buffalo since spending the 2014-15 to 2016-17 seasons with the Sabres.

"I still wanted to be a part of the game and wanted to be a part of the organization," he said. "I'm fortunate that I'm walking away from the game into something even better, and that's being part of my kids growing up, coaching them and being there for them."

The role as father and part-time coach isn't unfamiliar to Gionta after he got a taste of it last year.

In committing to represent

the United States at the Pyeongchang Games, he spent time practicing with Buffalo's American Hockey League affiliate in Rochester. The Sabres also had him take part in their rookie development camp this past summer.

Gionta is retiring after giving the NHL one last try following the Olympics. In February, he signed with Boston, where he had two goals and seven assists in 21 games, including one in the playoffs.

Overall, he finishes a career in which he had 291 goals and 595 points. He ranks 38th among American-born players in games played, and 41st in points. Gionta also earned the respect of many of his former teammates in Buffalo, with a number of them attending the news conference. He described winning a championship as "a dream come true."

Captaining the Canadiens



In this Feb. 6, 2016, file photo, Buffalo Sabres' Brian Gionta is shown during the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Boston Bruins, in Boston.

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was significant in knowing the franchise hasn't always offered the C to an American, who doesn't speak French.

And then there was the opportunity to play for the Sabres, the team he grew up following, and end his career in Boston, where he

played college.

Gionta was particularly grateful to current New York Islanders general manager Lou Lamoriello, who held the same role in New Jersey, when the Devils selected him in the third round of the 1998 draft out of Boston College. □

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# Yankees lose to lowly Orioles, Gregorius hurt

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Yankees shortstop Didi Gregorius has torn cartilage in his right wrist and is unsure whether he will be able to play in the AL wild-card game on Oct. 3. Gregorius, who has 27 homers and 86 RBIs, got injured Saturday when he slid headfirst on Aaron Hicks' 11th-inning double to score the run that clinched a postseason berth for New York, which disclosed the injury after a 6-3 loss to the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday.

New York remained 1½ games ahead of Oakland for the top AL wild card. Baltimore (45-110) is one loss shy of matching the franchise record for defeats set by the 1939 St. Louis Browns, who went 43-111.

Tim Beckham homered twice for the lowly Orioles, who trailed 3-0 early. Ryan Meisinger (2-0) pitched two perfect innings and Mychal Givens worked a 1-2-3 ninth for his ninth save. A.J. Cole (3-1) was the loser.

**INDIANS 4, RED SOX 3, 11 INNINGS**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Greg Allen singled with one out and the bases loaded in the 11th inning and Cleveland denied Boston's bid for a club-record 106th victory for the second straight game.

Allen singled through the left side on a 3-2 pitch from Robby Scott to give the Indians an 11th inning win for the second night in a row.

William Cuevas (0-2) walked leadoff man Jose Ramirez, who moved to second on Rajai Davis' sacrifice. Shortstop Tzu-Wei Lin booted Erik Gonzalez's ground ball, sending Ramirez to third. Yandy Diaz, batting for Yonder Alonso, was intentionally walked to load the bases and set the stage for Allen's winning hit.

Josh Tomlin (2-5) pitched two scoreless innings.

Mookie Betts homered and had four hits in his return to the lineup for Boston.

**TWINS 5, ATHLETICS 1**

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Oakland will have to take its bubbly on the road. Kyle Gibson (9-13) allowed one run over 7 1/3 innings



**New York Yankees' Andrew McCutchen, left, scores a run in front of Baltimore Orioles catcher Austin Wynns during the first inning of a baseball game at Yankee Stadium, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, in New York.**

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and Jake Cave hit a two-run homer for Minnesota, which prevented the Athletics from clinching an AL wild-card berth in their last regular-season home game. Oakland leads Tampa Bay by 7½ games and needs one win or a Rays loss to clinch its first playoff berth in four years.

Trevor Cahill (6-4) gave up five runs — three earned — and five hits in 3 1/3 innings. **RAYS 5, BLUE JAYS 2**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Blake Snell (21-5) won his ninth

straight start, striking out 11 in 6 2/3 shutout innings. He broke the Rays season record for wins set by David Price in 2012 and lowered his ERA to 1.90, the best in the AL.

C.J. Cron and Brandon Lowe homered for Tampa Bay, which remained 7½ games behind Oakland for the AL's second wild card and would be eliminated with one more loss or win by the Athletics.

Ryan Borucki (4-5) allowed two runs and three hits in

seven innings.

**CUBS 6, WHITE SOX 1**

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Kyle Schwarber connected off Carlos Rodon (6-7) for his first homer against a left-hander this season and drove in two runs as the NL Central-leading Cubs stayed 2½ games ahead of second-place Milwaukee. Ben Zobrist had three hits and Kyle Hendricks (13-11) gave up one run and four hits in 7 2/3 innings.

**ASTROS 6, ANGELS 2**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Charlie

Morton left after one inning and 24 pitches because of discomfort in his pitching shoulder that caused a drop in velocity. The 34-year-old right-hander did not pitch for the Astros from Aug. 28 until Sept. 8 because of right shoulder discomfort. He won his first two starts following his stint on the disabled list, allowing four runs in 11 innings.

AL West-leading Houston opened a 4½-game lead over second-place Oakland. Yuli Gurriel hit a two-run homer, giving him three homers and 10 RBIs in the three-game series.

Framber Valdez (4-1) followed Morton and struck out a career-high nine in six innings, allowing one run and three hits. Tyler Skaggs (8-9) gave up four runs and five hits in 2 1/3 innings.

**RANGERS 6, MARINERS 1**

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Adrian Beltre was given a standing ovation when he was removed from what could be his last home game for Texas, just before the Rangers rallied for four runs in the sixth to overcome a 1-0 deficit.

The 39-year-old, playing his 21st major league season, struck out twice and is hitting .275 with 14 homers and 61 RBIs. The four-time All-Star, the active hits leader with 3,162, isn't sure he wants to play next year.

Texas took a 4-1 lead in the sixth when Nomar Mazara chased starter Wade LeBlanc (8-5) with a two-run double, Robinson Chirinos hit an RBI single off Nick Vincent and Carlos Tocci had a sacrifice fly against James Pazos. Joey Gallo added his 39th homer, a two-run drive in the eighth against Ryan Cook.

Jeffrey Springs (1-1), the second of five Texas pitchers, allowed two hits in two scoreless innings.

**ROYALS 3, TIGERS 2**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Rookie Brad Keller (9-6) allowed one run and three hits in seven innings, and Cam Gallagher broke a sixth-inning tie with a two-run single off Drew VerHagen (3-3). Willy Peralta struck out Jim Adduci to earn his 13th save. □



# Brewers cruise past Pirates, move closer to playoff berth

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — Christian Yelich hit his 32nd home run and Travis Shaw added his 31st as Milwaukee remained two games ahead of St. Louis, which is second in the NL wild-card race. Yelich finished 2 for 3, including a three-run homer in the second off Nick Kingham (5-7), to boost his batting average to an NL-leading .322.

Corey Knebel (3-3) won in relief.

Pittsburgh was eliminated and failed to reach the postseason for the third straight year.

**CARDINALS 9, GIANTS 2**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Miles Mikolas (17-4) won his fourth straight start, allowing two runs — one earned — and two hits in seven innings with eight strikeouts and no walks. John Brebbia and Giovanny Gallegos finished a five-hitter.

Matt Carpenter hit his NL-leading 36th homer and St. Louis remained 1½ games ahead of Colorado, which is third in the wild-card race.

Andrew Suarez (7-12) gave up two runs and six hits in five innings. The Giants finished 31-50 on the road for a two-year record of 57-105 away from home.

**DODGERS 14, PADRES 0**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Hyun-Jin Ryu (6-3) allowed four hits and struck out eight in six scoreless innings and tied a career high with three of the Dodgers' 16 hits. Los Angeles maintained a 1½-games NL West lead over second-place Colorado.

Manny Machado and Matt Kemp hit solo homers, and Austin Barnes hit a two-run drive.

Rookie Joey Lucchesi (8-9) gave up a career-high seven runs on seven hits in 3 2/3 innings.

**ROCKIES 2, DIAMONDBACKS 0**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Kyle Freeland (16-7) allowed seven hits in seven innings, improving to 7-0 in his last 10 starts.

Arizona lost for the seventh time in eight games and was eliminated from contention in the NL West and wild-card races. The Diamondbacks led the division entering the final month but are 5-16 in September. Nolan Arenado hit an RBI double in the third and Gerardo Parra had a run-scoring single in the fifth against Zach Godley (14-11), who lost his fourth straight start. Wade Davis got three



Milwaukee Brewers' Christian Yelich hits a three-run home run off Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Nick Kingham in the third inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018.

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straight outs for his NL-leading 41st save.

**BRAVES 2, PHILLIES 1**

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Lane Adams homered and drove in two runs, and Anibal Sanchez (7-6) won for the first time in nine starts. Sanchez allowed one run and four hits in five innings, securing his role as Atlanta's No. 3 starter for the Division Series behind Mike Foltynewicz and Kevin Gausman.

Atlanta won its fifth straight, and Philadelphia was eliminated from postseason contention. The Braves mostly rested their regulars against ace Aaron Nola (16-6), who gave up two runs and four hits in six innings. The Phillies were swept in a four-game series

in Atlanta for the first time since 1997.

Shane Carle pitched a shaky ninth for his first big league save.

**MARLINS 6, REDS 0**

**MIAMI (AP)** — A crowd of 13,595 left Miami with a franchise-low home attendance of 811,104 in Derek Jeter's first season as chief executive officer, the first major league team to draw fewer than 1 million fans at home since the 2004 Montreal Expos. The Marlins are last in the NL East at 62-93 overall, their eighth consecutive losing season, and have not reached the playoffs since beating the Yankees in the 2003 World Series.

Rookie Chad Wallach hit his

first big league home run, a three-run drive in a four-run third off Michael Lorenzen (3-2), who allowed nine hits in four innings. Trevor Richards (4-9) gave up three hits in seven innings, struck out nine and walked one.

**METS 8, NATIONALS 6**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Michael Conforto hit a go-ahead, bases-loaded triple in the fourth off Wander Suero (3-1), and Jeff McNeil matched a career high with four hits in raising his average to .328 in 195 at-bats since his big league debut on July 24.

The first pitch was delayed 25 minutes, and rain continued during the game, which lasted 4 hours, 14 minutes. □

# Galaxy beat Sounders 3-0 for Kinnear's 1st win

By The Associated Press

**CARSON, Calif. (AP)** — Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored his 18th goal of the season and Los Angeles beat the Seattle Sounders 3-0 on Sunday for Dominic Kinnear's first victory as the Galaxy's interim coach.

Los Angeles (11-11-8) snapped an eight-game winless stretch, getting its first win since July 29. Seattle (13-11-5) has lost two straight after a nine-game winning streak.

Ibrahimovic opened the scoring in the ninth minute on a penalty kick. The Swede has 15 goals in his

last 15 games. Ola Kamara drew the foul leading to first goal and he made it 2-0 in the 40th with an easy tap-in at the far post.

Emmanuel Boateng capped it with a goal in the 52nd by capitalizing on a defensive mistake.

The Galaxy entered with just four goals in the past six series meetings, going 0-3-3. Seattle hadn't allowed multiple goals since June 30th.

**FC DALLAS 2, WHITECAPS 1**  
**VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)** — Defender Matt Hedges scored on a header in the 87th minute

to help FC Dallas beat Vancouver.

Santiago Mosquera opened the scoring for FC Dallas (15-6-8) on a header in the 42nd minute.

The Whitecaps (11-11-7) tied it in the 66th minute on Kei Kamara's header.

**UNION 2, SPORTING K.C. 0**  
**CHESTER, Pa. (AP)** — Jay Simpson scored his first two goals of the season in Philadelphia's victory.

Philadelphia (14-12-4) has won six of its last eight games. Sporting KC (15-8-6) had won three of its prior four road games. □



LA Galaxy forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic (9) and Seattle Sounders defender Kelvin Leerdam (18) tangle in front of Seattle goalkeeper Stefan Frei (24) in the first half of an MLS soccer match in Carson, Calif., Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018.

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## TIGER WOODS

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"Tiger! Tiger! Tiger!" they chanted over and over, looking very much like they may storm the Tudor-style clubhouse, the roar carrying all the way to Peachtree.

It was thrilling, exhilarating, even a bit frightening for those caught in the middle of the mob.

Then again, it was not an unexpected reaction given what Woods has meant to the game of golf — to the entire sporting world, really. "From one goat (greatest of all time) to another I can only imagine what @Tiger-Woods is feeling today," tweeted Michael Phelps, the winningest athlete in Olympic history. "Pumped to be watching this today!! Have fun out there today my man!!!"

Despite an influx of talented young players in recent years, golf just hasn't been the same since Woods went away, his brilliant career derailed by debilitating injuries and personal demons.

As NBC analyst Roger Maltbie put it, "He doesn't just move the needle, he is the needle."

But that needle looked broken beyond repair as days without a win grew to months, the months without a win grew to years. It had been 1,876 days since his last victory, and even Woods had moved on from



Tiger Woods holds Calamity Jane, the official trophy of the tournament, after winning the Tour Championship golf tournament Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, in Atlanta. (AP Photo/John Amis)

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the idea of ever winning another golf tournament. He was more concerned about his quality of life.

"The low point was not knowing if I'd ever be able to live pain-free again," Woods said. "Am I going to be able to sit, stand, walk, lay down without feeling the pain that I was in. I just didn't want to live that way. Is this how the rest of my life is going to be? (If so), it's going to be a tough rest of my life. So, I was beyond playing. I couldn't sit. I couldn't walk. I couldn't lay down without feeling the pain in my back and my leg."

On April 19, 2017, he un-

derwent surgery for the fourth time, this time to fuse his lower back. About six weeks later, he was arrested on suspicion of DUI after being found asleep behind the wheel of his car with the motor running.

Woods blamed it on a bad combination of pain medications. Everyone figured he's gotten hooked on drugs as a way of coping with a body that never stopped hurting. The idea of ever playing competitive golf again — much less winning — seemed downright ludicrous.

Then, miraculously, the dark cloud lifted.

Woods got himself cleaned up. The pain went away. Just four months after reporting he couldn't hit the ball more than 60 yards, Woods rejoined the PGA Tour and made the cut in his first event at Torrey Pines. By the time the summer rolled around, he was in the mix at the major championships.

He earned a spot on the U.S. Ryder Cup team.

He played his way into the finale of the FedEx Cup playoff.

Finally, on a blistering fall day in Atlanta, he made it official.

The comeback was com-

plete.

"I just didn't know whether or when this would ever happen again," he said. "I just didn't know if I could ever piece together a golf swing."

Woods wasn't fully aware of all the commotion going on behind him as he strolled down the 18th fairway, chatting and smiling with playing partner Rory McIlroy in the final group.

When he got up to the green, Woods could finally survey the remarkable scene. It reminded him a bit of Jack Nicklaus winning the U.S. Open at Baltusrol in 1980, the crowds invading the course as the Golden Bear wrapped up a victory that defied those skeptics who thought he was all washed up at age 40.

"Jack Is Back," the scoreboard famously proclaimed.

"I just didn't have the tight pants and the hair," Woods quipped. "But it was all good."

There was no message on the East Lake leaderboard. This time, the most telling moment came after Woods teed off at the 14th hole, which dissects the walk to the tee for No. 17.

His closest challenger, Billy Horschel, was heading that way.

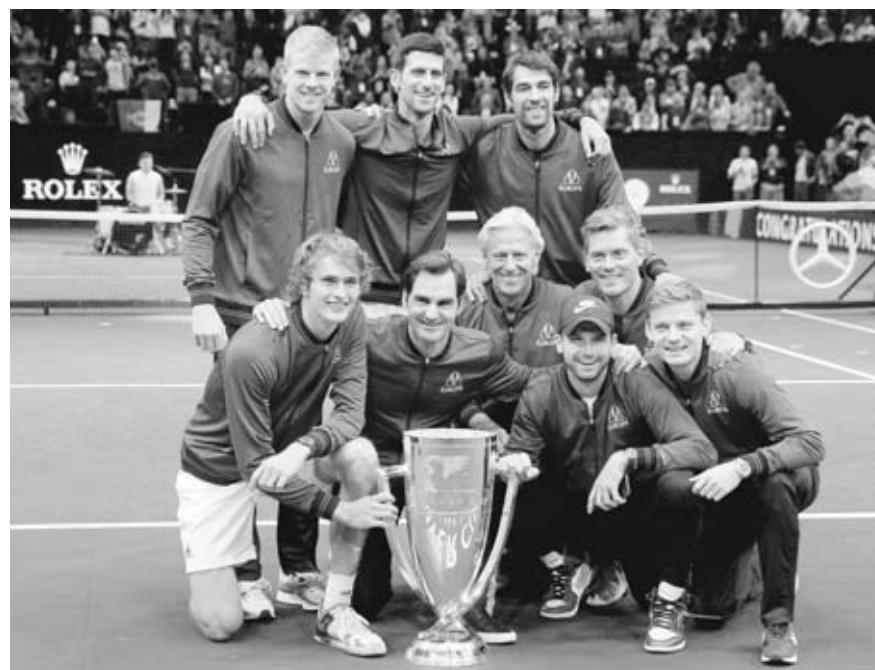
He saw Woods coming.

He stopped to let him pass. It only seemed right.

Tiger Woods is back.

And golf is better for it. □

## Federer, Zverev lead Team Europe to Laver Cup victory



Team Europe pose with the Laver Cup after defeating Team World after the Laver Cup tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018, in Chicago.

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**CHICAGO (AP)** — Alexander Zverev beat Kevin Anderson on Sunday night to give Team Europe a victory in the second Laver Cup.

Zverev won the final five points to defeat Anderson 6-7, 7-5, (10-7). His victory helped Team Europe beat Team World 13-8.

"Obviously it was an amazing feeling," Zverev said. "So special to clinch it for us guys and Europe. It's great how it ended."

Anderson, who lost in the Wimbledon finals this year, said Sunday night's setback affected more than just him. "You're playing for something different. You feel like you didn't come through for the team," he said.

Had Anderson won, Nick Kyrgios of the World team would have played Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic in a deciding singles match. But it was not necessary because the European team had reached 13 points.

Roger Federer earlier put Team Europe ahead by saving three match points for a 6-7, 7-6, (10-7) victory over John Isner.

Isner staggered Federer with a body serve that caused the 20-time Grand Slam winner to stumble early in the match. But Federer regrouped and fought off two match points in the second-set tiebreaker before capturing the deciding 10-point tiebreaker used in the Laver Cup.

In the opening doubles match, Jack Sock and Isner saved two match points in the deciding tiebreaker to beat Federer and Zverev 4-6, 7-6, (11-9).

The three-day, five-session tournament at the United Center drew 93,584 fans.

Team Europe won the first Laver Cup last year in Prague. The tournament moves to Geneva, Switzerland, next year. □





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# Welcome to camp: NBA teams starting their new seasons

By TIM REYNOLDS  
AP Basketball Writer

There were some Larry O'Brien trophies on display at Golden State's media day on Monday, shiny golden reminders of the three championships that the Warriors have picked up over the past four years. Their quest for another is about to begin.

So will the quest by 29 other teams to thwart them.

The offseason is over in the NBA. Most teams held media day Monday, the prelude to the start of training camps. And just like last year, those camps — from Hawaii to British Columbia to Massachusetts and 27 other spots in between — will begin with the Warriors reigning over the league and everyone else pining to get on Golden State's level.

"We've got a long way to go to get to Golden State," said LeBron James, who left Cleveland — and what became an annual date with Golden State in the finals — for the Los Angeles Lakers over the summer. "They can pick up right where they left off ... we're picking up from scratch. So we have a long way to go. We can't worry about what Golden State is doing. Golden State is Golden State and they're the champions."

With the exception of

Dallas and Philadelphia, who were permitted to start camp early because they're headed to China for preseason games, every NBA club holds its first practice of the season on Tuesday. The Los Angeles Clippers are going to Hawaii, Denver is headed to San Diego, Toronto is setting up camp a few miles outside of Vancouver.

Whether they're going on the road or staying home, the goal for every club — the Warriors included — is the same: Be better.

"There's one team that's figured it out, all right?" Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Golden State has figured it out. They have the template right now. Everybody else is just trying to figure it out. Some people think they have a better track at it than others. Prove it. That's the whole point of this association. It's competition and you've got to prove it."

Warriors guard Stephen Curry said he was eager for media day, calling it "the official start to another season."

"Excited to get back to work, get the guys back together. Look forward to chasing another championship," Curry said in a video posted to the Warriors' social media channels.

James made his debut in



Houston Rockets' James Harden (13) yells for the camera during media day Monday, Sept. 24, 2018, in Houston.

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a Lakers uniform out in Los Angeles. In Toronto and San Antonio, new Raptors forward Kawhi Leonard and new Spurs guard DeMar DeRozan talked about the summertime blockbuster that saw them changing jerseys. Up in Boston, Gordon Hayward talked about how he's finally been able to play 5-on-5 again in recent weeks after his first season with the Celtics ended with a horrific leg injury on opening night.

"There's nothing like playing basketball," Hayward said. "There's nothing like in-

game stuff that you can't get from drills."

Preseason games start Friday, with Boston going to Chapel Hill, North Carolina and set to face Charlotte. The Hornets are training in Chapel Hill, which undoubtedly pleases team owner — and Tar Heels legend — Michael Jordan. That same night, Philadelphia plays Australian club Melbourne United.

Those are the first two of 79 preseason games on the calendar, running through Oct. 12.

And then on Oct. 16, it be-

gins for real with Philadelphia visiting Boston and Oklahoma City headed to Golden State — the night when the Warriors will pick up their latest championship rings.

"The excitement that I have right now to get this thing rolling and get on out to training camp, it's unbelievable," said Carmelo Anthony, who signed with Houston this summer in an effort to push the Rockets over the top in the Western Conference. "Big shoutout to the fans. You guys won't be disappointed this year." □

## APNewsBreak: France Football launches Women's Ballon d'Or

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN

PARIS (AP) — A woman will win the most prestigious individual trophy in soccer for the first time this year.

Awarded every year by France Football magazine since Stanley Matthews won it in 1956, the Ballon d'Or for the best player of the year will be given to both a woman and a man

on Dec. 3 in Paris.

Pascal Ferre, the magazine's editor in chief, told The Associated Press women's soccer has grown so much in recent years it was a logical step to create the new award.

"Women's soccer is a booming discipline that deserves the same respect as men's soccer," Ferre

told the AP. "It's coming to maturity and growing bigger. More than 760 million TV viewers watched games at the last women's World Cup in 2015, this did not happen by chance."

France Football will make an official announcement in Tuesday's edition of the magazine.

A list of 15 nominees for the

prize will be announced on Oct. 8 alongside the 30-man selection. The players will be selected by France Football and a panel of international journalists specialized in women's soccer will vote on a winner. "The jury won't be the same as the jury voting for the men," Ferre said. "Only experts can vote. I'm

confident we will get a jury of about 40 journalists, from countries where women's soccer is growing."

The Ballon d'Or merged with the FIFA World Player of the Year award from 2010-15, but the magazine and soccer's governing body split two years ago. FIFA also awards a trophy to the best women's player. □





This Friday, Sept. 21, 2018, combination of file photos shows from left, Laurene Powell Jobs, who has a majority stake in The Atlantic, Jeff Bezos, who bought The Washington Post in 2013, Patrick Soon-Shiong, who bought The Los Angeles Times in 2018, John Henry, who bought the Boston Globe in 2013, and Marc Benioff, who bought Time Magazine.

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## Billionaires buying up media: Savior complex or civic duty?

By **BARBARA ORTUTAY**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Washington Post. Time Magazine. The Atlantic. The Village Voice. The Los Angeles Times. All American media icons, all bought by billionaires in the past half decade. Some are thriving. One died. On the rest, the jury's still out.

Still, for beleaguered news organizations the prospect of a deep-pocketed savior — even from the very same tech industry that has knee-capped the media's traditional business model — is all but irresistible.

But success is not guaranteed. And risks run from industry outsiders making poor business decisions to exposure to undue influence on editorial operations.

For the billionaires, meanwhile, ownership of storied magazines or newspapers provides an alluring combination of a trophy property, a high-profile opportunity to demonstrate their business acumen and a chance to display high-brow civic-mindedness.

"There is nothing more satisfactory than seeing your name on top of a masthead as publisher or editor or owner," said Samir A. Husni, journalism professor at the University of Mississippi.

While some new billionaire owners say they are doing it for civic purposes and to ensure that journalism will continue as an institution, at the end of the day these folks are still business-

people, Husni said. If their investments don't work out, it's not guaranteed they'll want to run publications as charities.

Billionaires are accustomed to success. But they also have enough money to fail. That includes tech magnates like Jeff Bezos, who bought The Washington Post in 2013 for \$250 million, or Marc Benioff, the Salesforce CEO who just snapped up Time Magazine for \$190 million, and even Steve Jobs' widow, Laurene Powell Jobs, who has acquired a majority stake in The Atlantic.

Benioff told the technology journalist and New York Times columnist Kara Swisher this week that he sees Time magazine as a startup that's been "opportunity constrained."

"But we are here to unshackle them," he said.

Having these tech titans enter a centuries-old industry could help bring in fresh ideas and new blood, not only reinventing the magazines and the newspapers but also the ages-old business model of relying on advertising for revenue, Husni said.

"What they see even more than even people in legacy media," he said, is the need to change the industry's business model.

Still, a deep-pocketed newspaper owner who has civic duty and a higher purpose in mind may be more forgiving if that newspaper doesn't immediately turn a profit, or if that profit growth

is in the low single digits.

Bezos has said that the Post is profitable. But even if it weren't, the world's richest man — whose own company Amazon.com Inc. did not turn a profit for years — would likely be more patient than a hedge fund or even Wall Street.

For many of the recently purchased media companies, it is too soon to tell whether their new owners are content waiting for years.

"They want publications to be run in a businesslike way and not be throwing money around and owing money," said Rick Edmonds, media business analyst at the Poynter Institute. "That would sour them."

Joe Ricketts, the founder and CEO of TD Ameritrade and owner of the Chicago Cubs, shut down two popular New York news sites last year citing business reasons — a week after their staffs voted to unionize. He founded one of them, DNAinfo, in 2009 and bought New York's Gothamist earlier in 2017 (Gothamist was later purchased and restarted by the public radio station WNYC).

"That was a pretty clear case of a business person choosing to exit the business because of the business problems with it," Edmonds said.

New York's iconic Village Voice closed down last month after 63 years of Pulitzer Prizes, muckraking investigations and its infamous personal ads. Its pub-

lisher, Peter Barbey, whose family made its billions in the textile and apparel industry, bought the alternative weekly in 2015. Barbey wanted to save the Voice after a series of ownership changes, staff departures and losses in readership and advertising that had left it in a state of perpetual peril.

He shuttered the print edition last summer in an attempt to save money. It didn't save the Voice.

"Like many others in publishing, we were continually optimistic that relief was around the next corner," Barbey wrote.

Longtime media analyst Ken Doctor said the new wealthy owners sometimes forget that it's not the decline of an individual company, but an entire industry, they are witnessing.

"It has been on the decline for a decade and no one has turned that around," Doctor said.

John Henry, the principal owner of the Boston Red Sox, paid \$70 million for The Boston Globe in 2013, but five years later he is still trying to turn the paper's business around. Biotech billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong bought The Los Angeles Times and other newspapers this year for \$500 million, saying they are "more vital than ever" and calling fake news "the cancer of our times."

But Soon-Shiong also acknowledged that digital shifts "pose an existential threat to the traditional

newspaper industry" and that the newspapers "must be run as a business in order to grow and thrive."

Bezos didn't want the Post at first, when a friend first approached him about buying it. "I had no intention of buying a newspaper," he said earlier this month at The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. "It never occurred to me. It wasn't like a childhood dream."

He said he changed his mind because he realized it was "an important institution." That purchase has received steady criticism from President Donald Trump, who says Bezos is using it as a mouthpiece to support Amazon. The newsroom says Bezos stays out of editorial decisions.

"It is the newspaper, in the capital city of the most important country in the world," he Bezos said. "The Washington Post has an incredibly important role to play in this democracy." □





# Global stocks dip on report US, China call off trade talks

By MARLEY JAY  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Global stocks are slipping Monday after the U.S. and China officially put new tariffs on each other's goods. China also reportedly pulled out of a meeting to discuss trade.

Oil prices are jumping after OPEC decided not to produce more oil. Several major deals were announced over the weekend. Cable and internet company Comcast outbid Twenty-First Century Fox and won an auction for British pay TV company Sky, but Comcast shares are seeing the biggest decline on the S&P 500.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The S&P 500 index fell 12 points, or 0.4 percent, to 2,917 as of noon Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 172 points, or 0.6 percent, to 26,571. Both the S&P 500 and Dow set record highs last week.

The Nasdaq composite gave up 13 points, or 0.2 percent, to 7,973 and the Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks dropped 13 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,698.

Stocks rallied over the summer and into autumn without making a lot of big moves. The S&P hasn't risen or fallen 1 percent in a day since late June. After the market's volatility early this year, the long streak of small moves is similar to the market's pattern from 2017. **CHINA-US TRADE:** The U.S. and China recently discussed another meeting to work on their trade dispute, but the Wall Street Journal reported that China pulled out of those talks. Talks in late August didn't produce a breakthrough.

The U.S. is now taxing another \$200 billion in Chinese imports at a rate of 10 percent, and China added taxes of 5 to 10 percent on \$60 billion in U.S. products. That represents a big escalation in their trade dispute. Both countries placed tariffs on \$50 billion in goods earlier as part of a dispute over Beijing's state-led technology development



This Dec. 21, 2016, file photo shows the New York Stock Exchange. The U.S. stock market opens at 9:30 a.m. EDT on Monday, Sept. 24, 2018.

and other policies.

In the U.S., industrial and basic materials companies sank. General Electric fell 3.4 percent to \$11.76 and Caterpillar lost 1.4 percent to \$154.20. DowDuPont shed 1.9 percent to \$68.37. Overseas, Germany's DAX fell 0.6 percent and the CAC 40 in France lost 0.3 percent. The FTSE 100 in Britain dipped 0.4 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell 1.6 percent and India's Sensex gave up 1.5 percent. Markets in Japan and South Korea were closed for national holidays.

**CHANNEL CHANGER:** Late Friday Comcast won an auction for majority control of British pay TV giant Sky. Comcast's final offer was worth about \$39 billion and ended months of back and forth bidding between Comcast and Twenty-First Century Fox, which is already a major Sky shareholder. Both were seeking to establish a foothold in Europe. Sky's board recommended that its shareholders

accept the offer, and Comcast said it hopes to complete the deal by the end of October.

In London, Sky shares jumped 8.6 percent. Comcast sank 7.1 percent to \$35.23, while Fox rose 1.3 percent to \$44.92. Disney, which is buying Fox, climbed 1.5 percent to \$112.11. **BOOMBOX:** Subscription radio company Sirius XM says it's buying music streaming service Pandora Media in a deal that will allow Sirius to expand its service beyond cars and into homes and other mobile areas. The companies valued the deal at about \$3.5 billion in stock. Pandora jumped 2.5 percent to \$9.32 while Sirius fell 8 percent to \$6.42.

Sirius XM has more than 36 million subscribers in North America, while Pandora has more than 70 million monthly active users. Pandora can solicit other offers from other potential buyers. **ENERGY:** OPEC and key allies like Russia decided not to increase their oil output further. Production

is falling in some OPEC nations, including Iran, which faces new sanctions from the U.S. Benchmark U.S. crude gained 2.3 percent to \$72.38 a barrel in New York while Brent crude, the international standard for oil prices, rose 3 percent to \$80.56 a barrel in London, its highest price in more than three years.

**STRIKING GOLD:** Barrick Gold will buy competitor Randgold Resources for \$6.1 billion in stock to create the world's largest gold miner. Shareholders in Barrick, which is based in Toronto, will own about 66.6 percent of the merged company, which will combine Randgold's African mines with Barrick's holdings in the Americas. Shares of both companies rallied. Barrick rose 5.9 per-

cent to \$11.09 and Randgold gained 7 percent to \$68.38.

**DONATELLA-ME IT'S A DONE DEAL:** An Italian newspaper reports that the Versace group is on the verge of announcing its sale, and Bloomberg and Reuters reported that luxury fashion and handbag maker Michael Kors is the buyer. The Italian publication, Corriere della Sella, said the deal is worth 2 billion euros (\$2.4 billion).

Michael Kors stock skidded 8.8 percent to \$66.32.

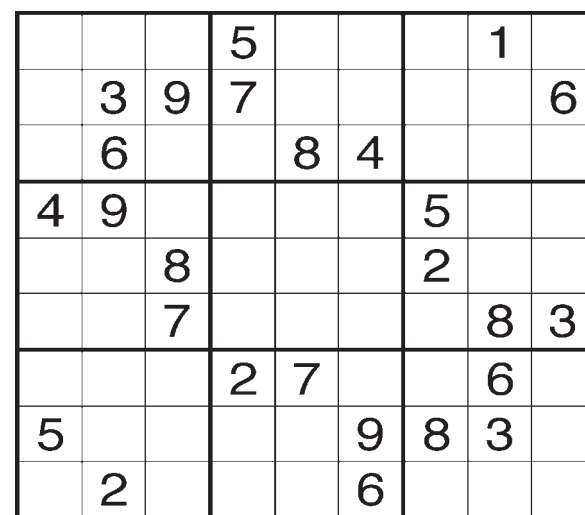
**BONDS:** Bond prices fell. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.08 percent from 3.06 percent.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar edged up to 112.63 yen from 112.52 yen. The euro rose to \$1.1771 from \$1.1747. □

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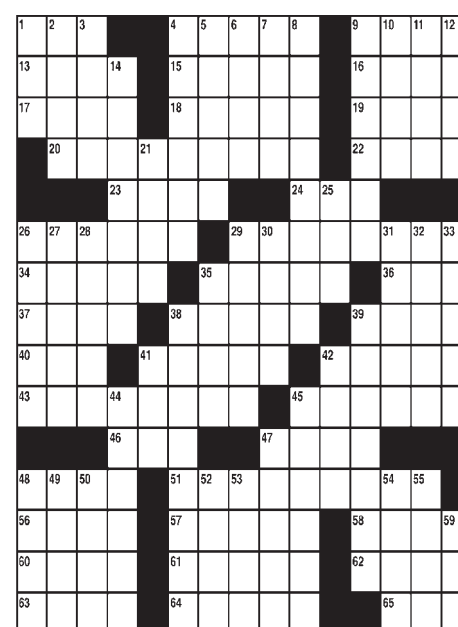
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- 9 Exchange
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- 15 Location
- 16 One of the Three Bears
- 17 Unexceptional
- 18 Walkways
- 19 Change for a five
- 20 Picture-editing computer program
- 22 Likelihood
- 23 Velvety green ground cover
- 24 Tiny fellow
- 26 Plot
- 29 School playground periods
- 34 Couples
- 35 Clothing accessories
- 36 Black-eyed \_\_; bean variety
- 37 Plays a role
- 38 Long pieces of wood
- 39 \_\_ cheap; very inexpensive
- 40 Greek letter
- 41 Smooths wood
- 42 "Ave \_\_"
- 43 Vipers
- 45 Large soup dish
- 46 "I've \_\_ it up to here!"
- 47 Marksman William \_\_
- 48 Entreaty
- 51 Attractive; tempting
- 56 Drags
- 57 Gets closer to
- 58 In \_\_ of; lacking
- 60 Craving
- 61 Racket
- 62 San Francisco's Golden \_\_ Bridge
- 63 Clutter
- 64 South American range
- 65 Fawn's color

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- 2 Family restaurant chain



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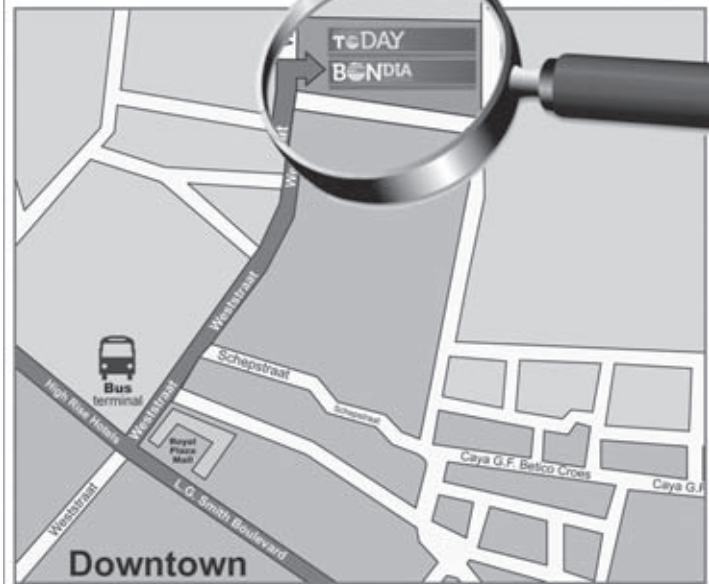
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# What ignited many of California's worst wildfires a mystery

By JULIE WATSON  
Associated Press

California officials quickly determined an arsonist started last month's huge wildfire southeast of Los Angeles, and that two weeks earlier sparks from a vehicle produced a deadly wildfire in the far northern part of the state.

But causes for many of California's worst blazes of the past decade remain a mystery.

The Associated Press reviewed state data on the 10 largest wildfires and 10 most destructive in terms of homes and buildings burned for each year dating to 2008. Lightning was the most common cause, accounting for about a quarter of those fires, followed by incidents involving power lines.

However, investigators could not determine a cause for about a third of those fires. Experts say each is a missed opportunity to learn something new.

"If we don't know what causes a fire, we don't know how to prevent them," said Carrie Bilbao, a spokeswoman for the National Interagency Fire Center who investigated wildfires in Idaho for 26 years.

Finding the trigger aids criminal prosecutions and helps determine liability. It also guides campaigns to change behavior, like avoiding mowing on hot afternoons when fire threat is high. And it leads to safety enhancements, like sleeves on power lines, which came about when it was determined that falling tree branches and birds cause sparks when they hit unprotected electrical wires. It's estimated human activity — from untended campfires to sparks from vehicles — causes more



In this July 27, 2018, file photo, cars scorched by the Carr Fire rest at a residence in Redding, Calif. Associated Press

than 80 percent of all wildfires in the United States, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

So far in 2018, wildfires have scorched more than 2,000 square miles (5,180 square kilometers) in California. More than 2,000 homes and buildings have been destroyed, and at least 11 people killed.

The Mendocino Complex Fire that burned for nearly two months, killing one firefighter and destroying more than 150 homes, is the largest ever recorded in the state at 720 square miles (1,865 square kilometers), an area more than twice the size of New York City. No cause has been determined yet, nor has one been pinpointed for the Ferguson Fire, which prompted the closure of much of Yosemite National

Park. The Holy Fire, southeast of Los Angeles, was quickly determined to be arson. Authorities say the suspect was motivated by a feud with his neighbors in the Cleveland National Forest. The fire prompted evacuation orders for 20,000 people and nearly burned through the community of Lake Elsinore.

Arson was pegged as the cause for only five of California's most destructive or largest fires of the last decade, according to state records, though officials say the true number likely is much higher. That's because for arson to be the cause, no other possibility can exist.

So, for example, even if investigators believe an arsonist was responsible for a fire next to a rail line, they may leave the cause undetermined because they can't rule out a spark from a passing train.

Finding causes that can lead to preventive measures has become more urgent in drought-plagued California. Even as climate change extends the fire season and feeds record-breaking infernos, more homes are being built in

rugged areas where fire danger is high.

Three times as much acreage has burned so far this year in California as last year, which produced the Tubbs Fire that was the most destructive in recorded state history and the Thomas Fire that, until this year, was the largest ever. And the most dangerous months for California wildfires are still to come.

The Carr Fire, the deadliest so far this year with eight fatalities, started in July with a spark from a vehicle. Whipped by winds, the flames exploded into Redding, the largest city in far Northern California. More than 1,000 homes were destroyed.

The driver immediately reported the fire so there was no mystery about how it started. Such quick confirmation is unusual.

"Trying to investigate any kind of fire is almost like trying to investigate a murder — except most of your evidence has been destroyed, and everything around it has been destroyed, by fire," said Lynne Tolmachoff, spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire

Protection.

If lightning maps show no activity in a burn area, the assumption is it was started by humans, and fire investigators immediately head to the spot to cordon it off and protect evidence.

It's a painstaking process, even when fires are small. Investigators look at how the vegetation is flattened to determine where the flames originated and track it to the ignition point — usually the coldest spot. But there are challenges, especially if the fire occurred along a road or other heavily trafficked area. Crews fighting fires can inadvertently wipe out key clues, like carbon particles from a car backfiring or pieces of porcelain from an exploded catalytic converter.

Cellphone photos and videos from witnesses help investigators. Drones provide aerial views of a point of ignition, showing burn patterns and strike marks on power lines, which are hard to see from the ground.

But often it comes down to two possible causes, which results in the cause being declared undetermined and the case being closed unless new evidence appears. Tolmachoff can't recall an investigation to determine a cause ever re-opening.

Last year's Tubbs and Thomas fires still are under investigation.

Tubbs, in wine country north of San Francisco, destroyed nearly 5,700 structures and killed 22 people. Thomas, in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, killed two people and destroyed more than 1,000 buildings. A month later, heavy rains fell on hills denuded by the fire, unleashing mudslides that killed 21 and left two others missing.

Lawsuits seeking billions in damages have been filed. Concern that California's largest utility, Pacific Gas & Electric Co., would go bankrupt if it's found at fault for the Tubbs Fire prompted the Legislature to pass a bill allowing the company to raise utility bills to pay off lawsuits. □



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# Latest stunt near Grand Canyon is a Will Smith bungee jump

By **FELICIA FONSECA**  
**TERRY TANG**

**Associated Press**

**FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP)** — At the end of the 1991 movie “Thelma & Louise,” the two leading ladies — fugitives cornered by authorities in the Grand Canyon — decide against surrendering and instead drive off a cliff. One of cinema’s most iconic endings wasn’t filmed in the national park in Arizona, but not for lack of trying.

“We didn’t want to encourage people coming into the canyon doing what was done in the movie, so we declined it,” said Maureen Oltrogge, a longtime spokeswoman for the national park who retired in 2014.

Nevertheless, Oltrogge said at least two people took their own lives by driving over the rim of the Grand Canyon after the movie was released, thinking it was filmed there.

The landscape in and around one of the world’s seven natural wonders has a long history of stunts being staged — or turned down. An acrobat, a magician and overall daredevils are among those who have approached Grand Canyon National Park over the years with visions of a made-for-TV moment.



In this Dec. 13, 2017, file photo, Will Smith arrives at the U.S. premiere of “Bright” in Los Angeles.

**Associated Press**

The latest planned feat comes Tuesday, when actor Will Smith celebrates his 50th birthday by bungee jumping from a helicopter. While it’s been billed as a leap “in the heart of the Grand Canyon,” it actually will take place over a smaller gorge on the Navajo Nation, a tribe whose reservation borders the east rim of the national park.

Getting permission to film or stage something in the Grand Canyon means meeting a lot of criteria. Among the outrageous proposals the park has declined was in the 1990s,

when now-deceased artist Ron Nicolino collected thousands of bras that he wanted to string across the Grand Canyon. The park said no.

Grand Canyon spokeswoman Kari Cobb said Smith did not approach the park for the bungee jump, but it wouldn’t be allowed anyway. She said the park is responsible for protecting its assets.

“It’s everything relating to safety, impacts to visitors and impacts to the resources,” she said.

Oltrogge said other filming projects were turned

down because of their size, the impact to tourism and because they didn’t align with the park’s educational values. The park also has rejected requests for ride-along criminal justice programs, and to launch jet engines from rim to rim.

Todd Berger, author of “It Happened at Grand Canyon,” says the earliest-known publicized stunt he can recall from his research of the Grand Canyon was an airplane landing near Plateau Point in the early 1920s. Ellsworth Kolb and a swashbuckling pilot took off from the plateau below the

South Rim and “spiraled” up and out of the canyon in front of large crowds and cameras.

The Grand Canyon is alluring for promotional purpose because it’s “world-famous, spectacular and scary to most people,” Berger said in an email.

In 1999 and 2011, Robbie Knievel, the son of stunt performer Evel Knievel, and Swiss aviator Yves Rossy, respectively, approached Grand Canyon National Park with requests to jump part of the canyon and soar over it in a jet suit.

After being rejected, both men went to the Hualapai Tribe, whose reservation stretches 100 miles (160 kilometers) along the Grand Canyon’s west rim. The tribe agreed, and both successfully completed their feats. The Hualapai also allowed illusionist Criss Angel in 2010 to be shackled and locked inside a crate that was suspended over the edge of the Grand Canyon.

The tribe is best-known for its Grand Canyon Skywalk, a horseshoe-shaped glass bridge that juts over the canyon overlooking the Colorado River. The tribe’s Grand Canyon Resort Corp. said any event must be respectful of Hualapai culture and consistent with its brand. □

# Billy F. Gibbons feels right at home on blues album

By **PABLO GORONDI**  
**Associated Press**

Billy F. Gibbons, “The Big Bad Blues” (Concord Records)

Billy F. Gibbons hasn’t strayed far from the blues but after a 2015 solo debut awash in Afro-Cuban influences, “The Big Bad Blues” is a sort of homecoming in more ways than one — the very ZZ Top-like opening track, “Missin’ Yo’ Kissin’,” among the record’s best, was penned by his wife, Gilly Stillwater.

Gibbons’ own compositions also make a fine fit with the Chicago blues tradition represented by covers of Muddy Waters, Bo Diddley and maracas-

wielding Diddley collaborator Jerome Green. The years have added layers of feeling and depth to Gibbons’ gruff vocal register, often resulting in an increasingly symbiotic growl with his guitar.

Waters’ loping “Standing Around Crying” features some smoking harmonica from James Harman which just may cause your own eyes to tear up, while one of the first recordings (by Hambone Willie Newbern) of the other Waters track, the frantic “Rollin’ and Tumblin’,” dates back to 1929 and has been covered by everyone from Cream to Cyndi Lauper.

Green’s “Bring It to Je-

rome” is missing the call-and-answer background vocals which made Diddley’s original so much fun, but to hear Gibbons sort of harmonizing with himself provides its own dose of excitement.

The album bids farewell with Diddley’s “Crackin’ Up” and its Latin feel harkens back to “Perfecta-mundo,” Gibbons’ previous album.

Among the originals, “Hollywood 151” stands out for its nasty guitars, “Second Line” is a typical Gibbons relationship song inspired by a New Orleans brass band tradition and “Let the Left Hand Know” is incredibly bottom-heavy. □



This cover image released by Concord Records shows “The Big Bad Blues,” a release by Billy F. Gibbons.

**Associated Press**



# 'House With a Clock in Its Walls' ticks to No. 1 in theaters

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The gothic family fantasy "The House With a Clock in Its Walls" exceeded expectations to debut with an estimated \$26.9 million in ticket sales at the weekend box office, while audiences showed considerably less interest in Michael Moore's Donald Trump-themed documentary, "Fahrenheit 11/9," than his George W. Bush-era one.

"The House With a Clock in Its Walls" was easily the biggest draw on a quiet weekend at North American movie theaters, where the other three new wide releases all disappointed or downright flopped.

"Fahrenheit 11/9" opened with \$3.1 million in 1,719 cinemas — a huge debut for most documentaries but a fraction of the \$23.9 million opening generated in 2004 by Moore's record-breaking "Fahrenheit 9/11." That film went on to make \$222.4 million worldwide, a record for documentaries. Moore's new film, which examines the rise of Trump



This image released by Universal Pictures shows Cate Blanchette, from left, Owen Vaccaro and Jack Black in a scene from "The House With A Clock in Its Walls."

Associated Press

and other developments like the water crisis in his hometown of Flint, Michigan, was the first release from former Open Road chief executive Tom Ortenberg's new distributor, Briarcliff Entertainment. It had been predicted to open with \$5 million to \$8 million. But despite a surge in suc-

cess for documentaries at the box office — including "RBG," "Won't You Be My Neighbor" and "Three Identical Strangers" — "Fahrenheit 11/9" didn't catch on. Dan Fogelman's "Life Itself" and the home invasion thriller "Assassination Na-

tion" both barely made a blip in nationwide release. Though Fogelman's "This Is Us" is one of TV's top-rated series, his "Life Itself" bombed with \$2.1 million despite a starry cast including Olivia Wilde, Oscar Isaac and Antonio Ban-

deras.

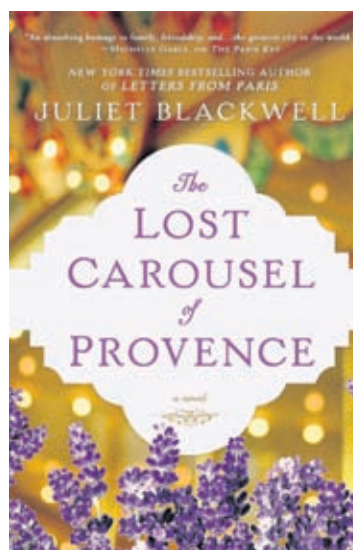
The film — an unabashedly sentimental tale of destiny across generations — drew some of the most scathing reviews of the year, landing it a 13 percent "fresh" rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

In an interview last week, Fogelman blamed "primarily white male critics who don't like anything that has any emotion," prompting many female critics to point out that they, too, thought "Life Itself" was, as Variety's Jessica Kiang wrote, "manipulative and contrived."

The Amazon Studios release, which opened in 2,609 theaters, was one of the worst performing wide releases of the year, as was Sam Levinson's "Assassination Nation." The Neon thriller grossed just \$1 million in 1,403 theaters.

But Universal Pictures' "The House With a Clock in Its Walls," based on the classic book written by John Bellairs and illustrated by Edward Gorey, capitalized on a recent dearth of child-friendly options. □

## Past comes to life in 'Lost Carousel of Provence'



This cover image released by Berkley shows "The Lost Carousel of Provence," a novel by Juliet Blackwell.

Associated Press

By LINCÉE RAY

Associated Press

"The Lost Carousel of Provence" (Berkley), by Juliet Blackwell

Cady Drake is a loner who

is perfectly content hiding behind the lens of her camera. After a sudden, unexpected loss, her friend lines up a photography job for Cady in France. Cady's assignment is simple: shoot Parisian carousels for a coffee-table book.

The subject matter may seem random to some, but Cady has an affection for carousels, thanks to a gift she received when she was younger. Her eloquent wooden rabbit is thought to be sculpted by the famous French carousel carver Gustave Bayol. She's determined to find out more about its history, especially when she discovers a photo and love note hidden in the rabbit's belly.

Cady's travels take her all around France, but she finds herself drawn to Chateau Clement for its rich his-

tory and mysterious rumors surrounding its once beautiful carousel. The chateau's crusty owner wants nothing to do with the American or her nosy questions. But Cady manages to gain the old man's trust and soon finds herself uncovering decades of clues and photographs pertaining to the lost carousel. And in doing so, she exposes long-kept secrets about a prominent family in Provence.

Author Juliet Blackwell is clearly enamored by art, history and the allure of Paris. She takes something as simple as a carousel and weaves an intricate story that spans generations. Blackwell uses an outsider's passion to shine a light into the dark past of a broken family and how a sweet, wooden rabbit can bring them together again. □

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# Art's iconic 'Blue Boy' gets major 250th birthday makeover

By JOHN ROGERS

Associated Press

SAN MARINO, Calif. (AP) —

"Blue Boy" is getting a long-awaited makeover, and the public can watch as one of the world's most recognizable paintings gets a little nip here, a nice tuck there and some splashes of fresh paint (blue presumably) just in time for the eternally youthful adolescent to mark his 250th birthday.

Thomas Gainsborough's stunning oil on canvas featuring a British youth dressed nearly all in blue has been one of the most sought-out attractions at Southern California's Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens since its arrival in 1921.

But it hasn't had a substantial restoration in at least 97 years, and over time it's become a bit torn and tattered, some of its colors have faded and, worse still, some of its paint is beginning to flake.

All that begins to stop Saturday when The Huntington's senior paintings conservator, Christina O'Connell, goes to work armed with an array of 21st century tools to restore an 18th century masterpiece.

She'll have a microscope that, at 6 feet (1.8 meters), is taller than she is and can zoom in on the painting's smallest details and magnify them 25 times. She'll have numerous digital X-radiography and infrared reflectography images of the work that she's been compiling and studying over the past year. And, of course, there will be paint created to match what Gainsborough was using circa 1770.

With all that at her disposal she expects to have "Project Blue Boy" completed about this time next year and the kid back on The Huntington's Thornton Gallery wall, alongside other stunning portraits from the era, sometime in early 2020. As O'Connell toils in the same area where "Blue Boy" has hung for nearly a century, visitors will be able to walk up and watch what she's doing. And, during oc-



In this Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018, photo Christina O'Connell shows a x-ray display of the "The Blue Boy" painting, made around 1770 by English painter Thomas Gainsborough (1727-1788), on display at the "Project Blue Boy" exhibit in the Thornton Portrait Gallery at The Huntington in San Marino, Calif.

casional breaks, she'll stop to explain it to them.

"One of the reasons why the painting hasn't undergone such an extensive conservation treatment before was because people always wanted to keep it on view. So this is a way to address the conservation needs of the painting while keeping it on view — so the visitors won't miss him," she said with a smile as she took a break from her work in the gallery earlier this week. Indeed, "Blue Boy" — whoever he was — has become a worldwide icon since Gainsborough put him on display to acclaim at Britain's Royal Academy exhibition of 1770. The artist titled the work, "A Portrait of a Young Gentleman,"

but when stunned viewers saw the full-length portrait of an adolescent dressed all in bright blue silk, from his tunic to the breeches extending just below his knees, they quickly gave him a nickname.

Although Gainsborough, one of the greatest British painters of the 18th century, is renowned as a master of the brush, O'Connell says she won't be nervous while a crowd watches her every move when she takes up her own brush to add touches — inpainting, it's called — to replace what the painting has lost to the ravages of time.

"We're dealing with a lot of the usual suspects when it comes to a painting this age as far as condition is-

sues are concerned," she said, adding she's repaired much worse, including a painting that was once handed to her in pieces. Still, this is "Blue Boy" so she'll take her time. When The Huntington's founder, railroad tycoon Henry Huntington, bought it in 1921, he paid a then-record sum of \$728,000. Some Britons were reported to have cried when they learned their boy was leaving his native country.

Art historians have never figured out exactly who "Blue Boy" was, although they have a pretty good suspect, said Melinda McCurdy, The Huntington's associate curator for British art and O'Connell's partner in the restoration project.

"It could be an image of Gainsborough Dupont, who was the artist's nephew," McCurdy said. "He lived with the family so he would have been a readily available model. And we know that the blue suit was a studio prop that the artist owned."

Dupont, looking a few years older than "Blue Boy," but not that much different, appears in the same suit in other Gainsborough paintings.

"Blue Boy," it turns out, also had a dog until Gainsborough painted it out of the picture. The kid's furry friend was discovered in a 1994 X-ray that also is on display at O'Connell's work station, along with X-rays that reveal nearly a foot-long tear in the canvas that was repaired so well it can't be seen with the naked eye.

What can be seen was when the tear was fixed, it was painted over with a color that didn't quite match the original. O'Connell plans to fix that. She'll leave out the dog, however. You can still see its front paws, which Gainsborough cleverly turned into rocks when he blended the rest of the canine into the landscape.

"Composition choice, really," McCurdy speculates on the artist's reasons for sacking the pooch.

"If the white fluffy dog was there in the painting you'd spend a lot of attention on it rather than looking at the figure of the boy."

The boy is indeed what many who visit The Huntington's picturesque grounds come to see, along with the institution's gardens filled with 15,000 varieties of plants, its library containing nearly a half-million rare books and its hundreds of other priceless paintings and sculptures.

Which is why, says McCurdy, it's important that people see the care, which isn't cheap or easy, that must be taken to maintain such objects.

"We're not just a building with pretty things on the wall," she says. "We take care of them. We preserve them for the future." □

Associated Press



# Baptist pastor finds calling in post-Holocaust cemeteries

By VANESSA GERA

DMITRY VLASOV

Associated Press

ROHATYN, Ukraine (AP) —

Steven Reece pulls a shield over his face, takes a weed whacker in hand, and begins trimming tall grass in an overgrown, tick-infested Jewish cemetery in western Ukraine where tombstones lie toppled and broken.

For years now, Reece, an ordained Southern Baptist minister from Texas, has been cleaning Jewish cemeteries and erecting memorial plaques at mass grave sites in Poland, and recently Ukraine. The region, once Europe's Jewish heartland, saw millions of Jews shot and gassed by Nazi German forces during World War II, sometimes with the help of local collaborators.

The 63-year-old American says cleaning up old cemeteries is his way, as a Christian, of honoring Holocaust victims while supporting the surviving Jewish communities here.

He also hopes his mission can help alleviate the bitterness and misunderstanding that still festers sometimes between Christians and Jews. Reece explains that he is troubled by the failure of European Christians who mostly stood by passively as the Nazis marginalized, then persecuted and killed their Jewish neighbors.

"To me it means simply bringing together people who are separated by distance, by space, by con-



In this photo taken on Aug. 29, 2018, an old Jewish cemetery in Rohatyn, the site of a Jewish Heritage project, close to Lviv, Ukraine.

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flict," Reece said, taking a break during a recent clean-up operation in Rohatyn, Ukraine, which before the war was part of Poland.

"I saw the Jewish cemetery as a way to bring Jew and Christian together in a common place where they could work together with one another."

Outside Ukraine, Reece and his team cleaned seven cemeteries in Poland this summer, including one in Oswiecim, the town where Nazi Germany ran the Auschwitz death camp.

Reece, who grew up in Texas and is now a resident of Peachtree Corners, Georgia, says he is driven by a desire for justice that

has been with him since his boyhood in the American South, where the mistreatment and segregation of Black Americans was instituted in law.

"I was in the seventh grade when Martin Luther King was assassinated. That made a tremendous impact upon me," Reece said during an interview in Warsaw. "And when I encountered the issue of Jewish Polish history, due to what happened here, I saw that there is a great injustice."

Part of his mission involves encouraging diaspora Jews to work with local volunteers in Polish towns to continue the cemetery maintenance work. In 2010 he founded an Atlanta-based charity, The Matzevah Foundation, which takes its name from the Hebrew term for headstone. The foundation brings volunteers to Europe from the Brentwood Baptist Church in Tennessee and partners them with Jewish descendants to care for their ancestral cemeteries.

Since 2012, his organization has carried out 28 projects in 14 different locations with the help of nearly 1,000 volunteers, including some 250 Americans, but also Israelis, local Poles and Ukrainians. The recent work in Rohatyn was organized by Jewish Rohatyn Heritage, an orga-

nization run by an American couple, Marla Raucher Osborn and Jay Osborn, who have been gathering Nazi-damaged headstones scattered in the town and bringing them to the cemetery in Ukraine. Reece first came to the region in the late 1980s when he was on assignment in Poland as a photo reporter. After graduating seminary, he served for 12 years as a pastor in Warsaw and nearby Otwock, learning Polish and gaining a deeper understanding of what happened in Poland during WWII.

The country was invaded from the west by Adolf Hitler's forces and from the

east by Soviet forces. More than 5 million were dead by war's end. Under the German occupation thousands of Christian Poles risked their lives to help Jews, but many did not act, and some joined the plunder and destruction.

Reece, no longer a minister, says he wants to help local Jewish authorities struggling to maintain 1,400 cemeteries across Poland — a legacy of a country once home to the largest Jewish community in the world. That population has dwindled from 3.3 million on the eve of Germany's invasion, to 20,000 today.

Mass grave sites continue to be discovered, and the challenge is made more difficult as Poland's economy grows and construction booms across the country.

Reece said some in the Jewish community at first wrongly suspected he was seeking converts.

"I don't deny who I am — I am a follower of Jesus — but that's the not the point of what I do," he said. "The point of what I do is to reconcile."

Poland's Chief Rabbi Michael Schudrich said that initially, some were puzzled by Reece. "Steven is so unique, we're not used to people like that," he said.

"But as soon as I met him I realized that he was the real thing," Schudrich added. "There are special, unique, saintly people in the world. It transcends religion, nationality, and ethnicity. □"



In this photo taken on Aug. 29, 2018, U.S. citizen Marla Raucher Osborn, a Rohatyn Jewish heritage project leader, left, shows volunteers the gravestones at an old Jewish cemetery in Rohatyn close to Lviv, Ukraine.

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In this photo taken on Aug. 29, 2018, Jay Osborn, a Rohatyn Jewish heritage project leader, cleans an old Jewish cemetery in Rohatyn, the site of a Jewish Heritage project, close to Lviv, Ukraine.

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